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Two Azerbaijani volunteers take cover behind sandbags as they wait for a possible attack from Armenian militants in the border village of Adzhikent. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Mufti

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (AP): The top Muslim religious leader of Soviet Azerbaijan, in an interview predicted grave repercussions from the Soviet military intervention there.

"This mistake decision will have dire consequences," the mufti of Azerbaijan, Sheikh-Ul-Islam Allahshukur Pasha-zade, said in the interview with a Kuwaiti daily, it conducted with him by telephone from Moscow.

Pasha-zade, who is also a member of the Soviet Parliament, said he was sending a message to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev demanding the withdrawal of the Soviet troops from Azerbaijan.

"The city of Baku is facing a tragic situation. ... The city is dressed in black in mourning for about 100 victims including children, women and old men," he said.

Soviet troops crashed through barricades and fought with armed Azerbaijanis in their capital, Baku, on Saturday, in an effort to end racial riots between the majority Muslim Azerbaijanis and the mainly Christian Armenian minority in the region.

Pasha-zade claimed Gorbachev was given false information about the situation in Azerbaijan.

"This prompted him to take a precipitous and costly decision as the Soviet troops did when they occupied Afghanistan, and when they intervened in Czechoslovakia in 1968," he added.

"Our religious administration has always called for a peaceful and democratic solution of the problem between Azerbaijan and Armenia that should spare the blood of Muslims and their Christian brothers, the Armenians," Pasha-zadeh added.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported that 83 people, including 14 soldiers, were killed in the Soviet military thrust into Baku. The overall casualty toll stood at 156 dead and more than 500 wounded in a week of clashes across the southern Azerbaijan republic.

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## Azeris to split if... Soviets seal border

### 'Hezbollah waits'

TEHRAN, Jan 22, (Reuter): Soviet troops sealed Azerbaijan off from Iran today, Tehran radio said, and a leading Iranian radical warned Moscow it would pay for killing Azeri Muslims.

The radio said Soviet mechanized forces deployed at the border following accusations in the official Soviet press that Iranian Azeris were providing arms to their Soviet kin.

The Tehran Times has rejected the charge and joined other Iranian newspapers in condemning the Soviet use of force to put down the rebellion in Azerbaijan which Iran says is inspired by Islam.

Soviet officials put the death toll at 83, but nationalists say it is to the double digits.

Radical former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mottahemi wrote in the daily Kayhan yesterday that Moscow was "playing with fire" in clashing with Muslims.

"The world of revolutionary Islam and Hezbollah resistance cells are living in ambush for enemies of Islam and Muslims," he said in remarks directed at Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

His comments went far beyond the official position of the Tehran government which has expressed regret about the violence in Azerbaijan.

"To fight Islam, Gorbachev is now holding the Marxist sword of Lenin and Stalin in one hand and the poisonous bayonet of the American White House in the other, taking aim at the heart of Islam and Muslims," said Mottahemi, a Muslim cleric elected to Parliament last month.

He has close ties with militant Muslim groups in Lebanon accused by the West of kidnapping Westerners.

Thousands of Azeris flooded into Iran in the past two weeks as unrest in Azerbaijan erupted into bloody clashes with the Soviet army, Iran says they return after brief stays to visit relatives and Islamic shrines.

Tehran radio said Soviet troops along the border were allowing Soviet Azeris back from Iran only after strict checks.

Kayhan yesterday printed a report from inside Soviet Azerbaijan, saying many Iranian Azeris had crossed the border without passports to visit the Caspian coast towns of Astara, Lekkoran and Archivan.

It was the first report from Iran of Iranian Azeris crossing into the Soviet Union.

said the parliament could start discussion of a referendum as soon as Tuesday.

Azeriform told Reuters the crowd mourning the city's dead swelled to about one million out of a population of 1.7 million, bringing the entire port city to a standstill.

Black banners draped buildings, factory sirens howled, car horns blared and women wailed and tore their hair and clothing in traditional mourning as the bodies of at least 60 "martyrs," as the Azeris are calling them, were carried on biers to the burial ground in the Muslim fashion.

They were buried in a common grave in a hillside park overlooking Baku, the Soviet Union's fourth biggest city which has survived 1,000 years of turmoil.

But a journalist with the official Azeriform news agency

According to official figures 83 people, including 14 servicemen and members of their families, were killed when the troops smashed into Baku early on Saturday morning.

The top Muslim religious leader of Soviet Azerbaijan was quoted today as saying he was sending a message to Gorbachev demanding the withdrawal of troops.

"Our religious administration has always called for a peaceful and democratic solution of the problem between Azerbaijan and Armenia that should spare the blood of Muslims and their Christian brothers, the Armenians," said the Mufti of Azerbaijan, Sheikh-Ul-Islam Allahshukur Pasha-Zade.

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## Iran, China in arms pact

NICOSIA, Jan 22, (AP): Iran and China today signed a 10-year agreement for scientific co-operation and the transfer of military technology, Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast said the accord was signed in Tehran by Defence Minister Akbar Torkan and a visiting Chinese official. It gave no details.

The radio identified the Chinese official as the deputy head of China's Science and Technology Council, but it did not name him.

The Chinese official met with Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani earlier yesterday, the radio said.

China was Iran's largest arms supplier during the eight-year war with Iraq which was halted in August 1988 by a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire.

'Mayor filmed having sex'

## Barry leaves DC



Barry wipes his face as he talks to reporters. (Reuter wirephoto)

WASHINGTON, Jan 22, (Reuter): The mayor of Washington, Marion Barry, arrested last week on charges of cocaine use and possession in an undercover operation by federal agents, has left the US capital for substance-abuse treatment, the city's acting mayor announced today.

A local television station reported, Barry was filmed having sex with a fashion model.

The CBS-affiliated station said yesterday police videotaped Barry, a former black civil rights leader, having sex with Rasheed Moore in a Washington hotel room before both smoked cocaine supplied by a second woman, a federal agent.

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## Farwaniya rally foiled, 5 held

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (Kuna): Security men today dispersed a crowd of people who tried to stage an unauthorised public rally in Al Farwaniya at the Diwaniyah of one of the area's citizens, an Interior Ministry source said tonight.

As the crowd assembled at 7 pm Interior Ministry officials issued several warnings for people to disperse but the

warnings went unheeded.

"This prompted the security authorities to disperse them and handle the situation," the source said.

Five people were arrested "when they tried to resist security men and prevent them from doing their job," he added.

One of the five detainees carried a knife

and used it in attacking security men, the source said, adding that the authorities immediately began to interrogate the five.

"The Interior Ministry, while thinking citizens who co-operated with it, reaffirms that it will always work for maintaining law and order ..." the source concluded.

## Muslims threaten human tidal wave

State, Fed police clash in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, Jan 22, (Agencies): Muslims threatened today to end a ceasefire line separating India and Pakistan and flood Indian-held Kashmir to support their secessionist brethren.

Abdul Qayyum, President of Pakistan's Azad Kashmir state, told a news conference that more deaths in Indian-held Kashmir could spark a human tidal wave across the porous 840-mile (1,400-kilometre) border.

Qayyum said people fleeing the violence, particularly in Srinagar, are taking refuge in mosques.

"It's a sorry state of affairs," he said.

He evoked visions of hundreds of Kashmiris slipping across the ceasefire line seeking refuge in Pakistan. But he warned that Pakistan's 12 million Kashmiris would respond with a march on the Indian-controlled side.

Qayyum recalled a four-month long march on the ceasefire line in 1958, which was eventually put down by Pakistan's military. But he said emotions are higher now, and questioned whether Indian soldiers patrolling the ceasefire line would open fire on unarmed demonstrators.

In Srinagar, simmering tensions between officers of the Jammu and Kashmir Armoured Police and the Federal Paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) ignited a shoot-out, officials said.

The source said one state officer and a bystander was killed. They were unable to say what immediately prompted the clash in the Shuhad Colony.

However, many members of the state's overwhelming Muslim police force sympathise with secession demands and have been growing more resentful of the Hindu-dominated federal government contingen-

ts, especially because of their alleged excesses against Kashmiris.

Muslim snipers in Srinagar fired at Indian troops and bands of militants defied a curfew to hurl stones at soldiers today.

In a virtual mutiny, about 500 armed state policemen were refusing orders to continue the crackdown. The policemen, most of whom are Muslims, were holed up inside a police complex. The army and the paramilitary forces are mostly Hindu, the predominant religion in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The whole city is up in revolt," Srinagar Police Inspector General Mohammad Nomani said.

At least 300 Muslim protesters demanding independence or union with neighbouring Pakistan were injured today when troops fired on a mob of about 5,000 people in a suburb of Srinagar, according to doctors.

One paramilitary policeman was killed by a Muslim sniper and one Muslim protester was shot to death by army, Nomani said. He said 38 other people, most or all of them militiamen, had died since the trouble started shortly before midnight on Friday.

The Islamic militants had marched out of homes and mosques today in

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## Water dispute falls to Kuwait

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (AP): Kuwait announced today it will mediate between Iraq and Turkey over the disputed issue after Turkey diverted most of the river's water for a month to fill its giant dam.

"Kuwait will establish contacts and good offices with the Turkish government in a bid to end its dispute with Iraq over the Euphrates River," said Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad.

He did not mention any mediation between Turkey and Syria, which also has expressed concern about the cutoff of the river that flows through its territory.

Sheikh Sabah stopped short of saying when his government will be taking up the issue or whether the mediation would be conducted within the framework of the 46-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

Kuwait is the current chairman of the OIC, and has been mediating in this capacity between Turkey and Bulgaria over the issue of the ethnic Muslim Turks in Bulgaria.

Sheikh Sabah told the reporters that he received a message related to the Euphrates water issue earlier in the day from his Iraqi counterpart Tareq Aziz.

He said that the message also dealt with the Soviet initiative envisaging a direct meeting in Moscow between the Iraqi and Iranian foreign ministers to spur negotiations for a formal peace pact between the two northern Gulf Powers who fought an eight-year war.

On Jan 13, Turkey diverted much of the water of the Euphrates to fill the reservoir of the giant Ataturk dam.

The Turks have maintained one month is the minimum time required for filling the reservoir of the \$4-billion project, the centerpiece of a massive hydroelectric and irrigation network.

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## India sues AB Bofors

### Corruption case

By Thomas Abraham  
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Jan 22: The government today filed preliminary charges against the Swedish arms manufacturer AB Bofors, accusing the company of cheating India out of \$50 million dollars in a 1986 arms deal.

Investigators said former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi would be among those questioned.

The first information report (FIR), has listed 14 accused persons and others, including former AB Bofors president Martin Ardbo, Win Chaddha of the Antronic General Corporation and the London-based industrialist G.P. Hinduj.

Other accused persons are not identified by name and are only referred to as directors and beneficiaries of certain companies, including AB Bofors' parent company, Antronic Svenska, Pitco/Moresco/Moenaco SA of Switzerland and the A.E. Services of the United Kingdom.

Two days ago, a government spokesman said it was more interested in finding out who got the money than in recovering the amount involved from Bofors.

The Swedish company had reportedly agreed last November to reimburse to the Indian government the Rs.64 crores said to have been paid as commission.

In a rather unusual step, the filing of the FIR was announced by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) director Rajendra Shekhar himself at a crowded press conference. The FIR in a criminal case is only a launching

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## 28 killed as Indians, Tigers clash

COLOMBO, Jan 22, (AP): Indian troops and Tamil Tiger guerrillas clashed in a village in the northern Jaffna peninsula, and the two sides reported today that as many as 28 people were killed.

An Indian diplomat said eight Indian soldiers were killed and 10 were wounded in yesterday's firefight. He claimed there were heavy casualties among the guerrillas but gave no numbers.

The Tigers issued a statement claiming the Indian troops killed 20 Tamil civilians and destroyed at least 100 houses in an attempt to eliminate Tiger supporters. The Indian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, denied the Tigers' accusation. (See Page 2)

## DAY BY DAY

THE fear of freedom of expression arises only when we commit a mistake that we want to hide, or when the state, or any state in the world wrongfully uses its authority against its people and national interests, also, if the government staff is corrupt and we do not want to talk of such corruption.

However, if things proceed according to the theory "only those who do not work, do not commit mistakes" there should be no fear in voicing even accusations — as it is well known that such accusations when not based on facts rebounds on the accuser.

The Kuwaiti proverb says: "Do not desist from stealing just because you are frightened of the consequences."

Let those who have something to say, say it publicly, instead of saying it in secret and win acclamation and admiration.

Zahed Matar

## Going along

## INTERNATIONAL

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1990

# 8 Indians die in clash with Tigers

COLOMBO, Jan 22, (Agencies): Eight Indian soldiers and several Tamil rebels were killed in fierce battles at the weekend in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna district, Indian diplomats said today.

A spokesman for the Indian High Commission (Embassy) said members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attacked troops with rockets and heavy firearms yesterday from houses in a

heavily-populated area.

A rebel account of the clashes alleged the Tigers were attacked by rival Tamils backed by Indian forces and that several civilians were killed in the fighting.

Indian troops had imposed a curfew at the scene of the fighting at Ariyalai, 16 km (10 miles) from Jaffna city, Sri Lankan military sources said.

The Indian spokesman said eight sol-

diers were killed and 10 wounded in the battles. Several militants also died, he said, adding: "The IPKF exercised a lot of restraint in order not to cause civilian casualties."

A Tiger's statement said the clashes started when the rival Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front (ENDLF) backed by Indian troops moved into Tiger positions on a "search and destroy" mis-

sion.

The attackers arrived in armoured vehicles under air cover from Indian helicopters firing rockets, the rebels said.

"Five Indian helicopters were damaged and several jeeps were destroyed. The Indian and puppet troops suffered heavy casualties," they said. Detailed casualty figures were not immediately available, they added.

FIR lists 14 accused persons

## India sues Bofors

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pad from which investigations commence. No Indian official has been named as accused in the FIR for lack of evidence at this stage.

The controversial case, in which fingers were pointed at Gandhi himself, relates to the contract entered into by the Indian government with Bofors on March 24, 1986, for the sup-

ply of 410 155 mm field howitzer 77-B guns at a cost of SEK 8410.66 million, equivalent to Rs. 147.3 crores.

Shekhar told reporters today that it was only last month, after the new government took over, the CBI was allowed access to classified documents that provided vital information in preparing a prima facie case. The CBI had earlier launched a

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preliminary enquiry which had the limited purpose of ascertaining whether any income tax laws had been violated.

Shekhar said the CBI inquiry would, among other aspects, go into the question of why former prime minister Rajiv had not initiated action against Bofors to force it to name the recipients of the commission, though this course had been recommended to him by his defence minister, attorney general and army chief.

He said the filing of the FIR fulfilled the principle of dual criminality and he expected the Swiss authorities to co-operate in the investigations. The CBI also hopes to rope in the help of Interpol in this regard.

During the negotiations for the Bofors contract, the policy of the Indian government was that no agent or middleman should be involved in the deal.

The FIR alleges that though Bofors had full knowledge regarding this policy from May, 1984, it, if not only persisted with the agencies of Svenska Inc, Pitco/Moresco/Moineao SA and Anatronic General Corporation, but also engaged a new agent, AE Services Limited by an agreement dated 15th November 1985. It is further alleged that Bofors had paid over SEK 319.40 million (Rs. 64 crores) to the agents as "commission" and described as such in the records of Bofors and in bank documents.

This amount was remitted by Bofors between May 1986 and March 1987 to a number of Swiss accounts including code named accounts of Lotus, Tulip and Mont Blanc, indicating three different beneficiaries.

In at least four instances, Bofors had instructed the banks in Switzerland that the name of Bofors should not be shown in the bank records as the remitter of the amounts. Bofors had made remittances of 18,398,806 Swedish kroner to Svenska Inc to a Swiss bank on 30 May 1986.

This single remittance was credited in Switzerland in four currencies, namely US dollars, Swiss franc, French franc and European Currency Unit in the ratio 60 per cent, 15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. This indicates that there were four different beneficiaries.

The FIR highlights this undue secrecy and usual credit pattern which the CBI feels is indicative of clandestine dealings.

The FIR further states that after the allegation of bribery was made by the Swedish state radio in its broadcast on April 16 1987 the persons involved in the conspiracy set in motion various cover up operations.

'Keep house in order' report denied

## Cory urges co-operation

MANILA, Jan 22, (AP): President Corazon Aquino said today co-operation between soldiers and civilians was the best way to prevent a new coup and dismissed suggestions she needed to improve her government's performance.

"I call on our people to reach out to the men and women in uniform and for the military, likewise to reach out to the civilian brothers and sisters," she told reporters.

"That will foster better understanding and good will, reduce prejudice and misconception and go a long way to strengthening the foundation of our nation," she added.

Aquino was asked whether her statement indicated she feared a new coup attempt in the wake of last month's failed bid by military dissidents to topple her nearly four-year-old administration.

"The reason why I am calling the attention of our people to have interaction between civilians and the military is because I believe this is the best way we can prevent another coup attempt," she said.

Last week, President George Bush's deputy

national security adviser, Robert Gates, conferred with Aquino to express American support for Philippine democracy.

Some Manila newspapers reported that Gates apparently had urged Aquino to "get her house in order" and press ahead with urgent reforms to improve government effectiveness so as to prevent a new coup attempt.

Asked if he received such a message, Aquino said no US official "told me to keep my house in order and it's good that they did not because that would have gotten a different comment from me." Aquino has consistently branded leaders of the coup attempt as "power-grabbers." Rebel leaders claimed the Aquino government was ineffectual and corrupt and had lost its mandate.

On Saturday, Aquino ruled out calling a special election to reaffirm her mandate before her term ends in 1992.

In a statement to the Associated Press, a spokesman for the dissidents claimed Aquino "is suffering from illusion."

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Muslim congregation

Bangladesh President Hussain Mohammad Ershad offered prayers yesterday with nearly one million Muslims from around the world at an annual gathering to pray for Islamic brotherhood and world peace.

Readings from the Holy Quran and other Islamic books blared over loudspeakers as the three-day Biswa Ejtema ended on the banks of the Turag River, 11 miles (17 km) north of Dhaka.

The Ejtema is the largest Muslim congregation

after the haj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

After the final prayers hundreds of police struggled to control traffic as thousands of buses and trains (picture) crammed with pilgrims from India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Africa, left the river bank site.

Thousands more, carrying rugs, cooking stoves and water pots began the long trudge home. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Kashmir violence

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at least three sections of Srinagar, the predominantly Muslim city at the centre of the unrest. They confronted government troops who were ordered to keep everyone off the streets.

The doctors, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today all beds at the Soora Hospital were occupied and cafeteria had been converted into a makeshift hospital. The state government appealed to its employees to donate blood to save the lives of the critically injured.

In Srinagar's police mutiny, state constabulary policemen Muhammad Aslam claimed that a comrade was killed by army fire and that soldiers refused to hand over his body to the state police.

The emerging confrontation snowballed. About 500 armed policemen were seen taking up positions in residential quarters of the police control room and refusing to report for curfew duty.

Aslam claimed the army and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) wanted to disarm the state policemen.

In New Delhi, Pakistani Foreign Minister Sababzada Yaacob Khan met Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh and other officials during a visit that had been scheduled before the latest Kashmir trouble.

thousands" of people yesterday.

He said an opposition campaign of strikes and violence had failed to dislodge his government and asked his opponents to seek a mandate in the elections.

"Political parties must have realised that people had rejected politics of hartsals (strikes) and violence ... which only cause untold sufferings to the poor."

A parliamentary election is not due until 1993. But the March elections to the country's 460 rural sub-districts are widely seen as a prelude to an early poll.

The rural elections are fought on a no-party basis but opposition groups field their members as independent candidates to prepare a base for national elections.

More than 150 people were killed in violence during the rural polls two years ago but the government decided to spread the coming polls over weeks so police could keep a tighter grip, officials said.

## Ershad renews fair polls pledge

### Appeasing opposition

DHAKA, Jan 22, (Reuter): President Hossain Mohammad Ershad has reassured Bangladeshis ahead of March rural elections that all future polls will be free and honest.

He repeated the pledge at a massive public rally in Chittagong port city yesterday, trying to appease opposition groups who are urging people to vote in the polls, due from March 4.

Ershad's opponents accused him of clinging to power through a fraudulent parliamentary election in 1988 and seeking to strengthen his ruling Jatiya Party through unfair rural polls.

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## Industrial complex in caves unearthed

TEL MARESHA, Jan 22, (AP): Not far from the site where the Old Testament says David fought Goliath, Israeli archaeologists are peeling the mystery away from a vast network of man-made caves dating back at least 2,700 years.

Archaeologist Amos Kloner said the city of Tel Maresha flourished as a commercial centre of about 5,000 people and was the likely birthplace of King Herod, who rebuilt the ancient Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

Unique among ancient cities, the people of Maresha established their industry underground. They raised pigeons, manufactured olive oil, stabled their horses, collected rain water and buried their dead in underground chambers chiseled from soft chalk limestone.

Kloner, who has spent 15 years excavating and mapping the network of more than 1,000 interlocking chambers, said the caves were in continuous use from at least the 8th century BC until 40 BC, when Maresha was overrun by Parthians from ancient Armenia.

**Puzzle**

Why the ancients chose to invest so heavily in underground development is still a puzzle, especially since there are no natural caves in the region.

Kloner suggests the reason may have been simple practicality.

The caves were apparently first created when the ancients went underground to quarry stones needed to build a hilltop fortress and surrounding houses.

"Maybe it was easier to use such chambers since the walls and roof were already in place," said Kloner, who works for the state antiquities authority.

**Lifestyle**

The lifestyle, especially during the pagan Hellenistic period when the city reached its peak a few centuries before Christ, is becoming much clearer as a result of the digs.

Teams have unearthed a fortress tower, ordinary houses, thousands of pottery vessels, figurines, a hoard of silver coins and an almost perfectly preserved olive oil factory.

"As far as the Hellenistic period is concerned, there is no site more important," Kloner said.

Particularly important are the silver coins, the newest of which were dated 112 BC and found in a house above one of the cave systems.

Kloner said the date confirmed Jewish records about the conquest of the city by John Hyrcanus I, who forced the Edomites to convert to Judaism shortly thereafter.

Pointing to an inscription found in a series of gabled burial chambers, Kloner translated the Greek: "The bones of Beretanus and Appollonius, the sons of Antipater."

A later Antipater was the father of Herod the Great, and existence of the name in Maresha may be further proof that Herod's family originated here, he said.

Kloner said most figurines and other remains in the burial chambers were looted during the 1970s.

**Dangerous**

The caves are dangerous and are officially closed to the public. The hilly terrain is punctured with open pits from collapsed chambers, some concealed by overgrowth. The caves have no lights; three spelunkers have been killed and a dozen injured in recent years.

The Jewish national fund plans to open the site to the public by next year after the patient work is completed. The fund spends about \$1 million to make the site safe.

The caves, in the Judean foothills 30 miles (50 kms) southwest of Jerusalem, are along a black-topped highway built on a Roman road that passes crusader ruins and the grassy fields of Shephela, where David the Isrealite defeated the Philistine champion Goliath.

The confrontation occurred about the same time that Maresha is first mentioned as an inheritance of the tribe of Judah in the Biblical book of Joshua.

**Stunning**

Visually, the most stunning discovery is the olive oil works, where giant stone crushing machines, weights and storage chambers are virtually undamaged by the passage of time. The only thing missing are the giant wooden beams used to squeeze the olive mash.

The oil was drained along channels cut in the floor to a collection pit that could store 20,000 litres (5,000 gallons). About 70 such factories exist in the caves. Kloner estimated nearly half the oil, used for heating and lamps, was exported.

Another cave contains 1,900 holes the size and shape of modern loaves of bread and which housed thousands of pigeons.

## Researcher expects success against Aids in 90s

NEW YORK, Jan 22, (AP): By the end of the 1990s, Aids may not be curable but it is likely to become a manageable chronic disease that doesn't shorten life expectancy, a leading US government Aids researcher has said.

"I have a good deal of confidence ... that we can look forward to the 1990s as the kind of a decade where that goal can be realised," said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Maryland, one of the

US national institutes of health. The institute operates a national Aids drug-testing programme which some 10,000 people are subjects in experimental tests at 46 medical centres across the United States.

Fauci said he based his optimistic prediction for the 1990s on the growing understanding of the workings of the Aids virus, the success in Aids treatment achieved so far, and a philosophical shift in the way the US govern-

ment makes new drugs available.

Until now, Aids drugs have been developed largely by screening available substances for possible anti-viral activity, he said. The increasing understanding of how the virus infects cells, kills them and reproduces is leading to new drugs aimed directly at each of those steps in the virus' growth, Fauci said.

"Already there are several drugs ready to go into (human) clinical trials

that have been specifically tailored to HIV," Fauci said.

Fauci said researchers scored several successes against Aids during the 1980s.

First, they improved care of the sick. In 1985, less than 40 per cent of people diagnosed with Aids survived 18 months. By 1987, 60 per cent lived at least that long after diagnosis, Fauci said.

Second, researchers discovered that treatment could be helpful in people

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A model shows a white flower embroidered knickerbocker shirt over white lace top stockings and sequin-embroidered mustard T-shirt collection by Christian Lacroix in Paris fashion show. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Lacroix bowls over the world

PARIS, Jan 22, (AP): Runways were sizzling or bursting into bloom as summer couture shows opened this weekend in Paris.

The extravagant dream clothes by Gianni Versace, Christian Lacroix, Herve Leger and Torrente all showed in different ways that couture women for the 1990s will be draped in flowing, featherly styles.

Italian Gianni Versace got a jump on the French couture houses by showing his featherly decollete style Saturday night at the new luxury Ritz Hotel pool, covered to become a floor for the guests.

"Paris is mine," crowed the 43-year-old designer after his first show of "atelier" clothes in the city of lights.

Not an official member of the French Designers Association — the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture — Versace turned out witty, snappy and colorful styles with enough elaborate beading to create a couture effect.

"Great for wives of the mafia," groaned one resentful French fashion commentator.

But Julie Andrews loved them. "Especially the little sheaths with bow effects and jewelled necklines," said the star who looked fresh enough to dance all night.

Versace is designing the costumes for a new film starring Miss Andrews and Marcello Mastroianni. Entitled "Ch' Va Ch' Va" it will be directed by Gene Saks.

Versace won hearts with his sexy cuts that were too playful to be vulgar. His use of elaborate beading, ostrich feathers and rhinestones on asymmetrical draped long or short skirts were typical of the inventive Italian who likes Paris as his showcase.

His swirled bustier effects on bustiers viewed with an embroidered coquettish dell'arte harlequin and abstract effects in hot colours on lace pants or silk shirts.

Whether women pick his little ostrich-feather tutu styles or the fringed rhinestone-edged flame-red sheath split to the hip, the new styles wouldn't be out of place at the newly-refurbished Ritz. With its disco, cooking school and health club, it's a far cry from the stuffy society palace of the old days.

Christian Lacroix's show at the Intercontinental Hotel ballroom was no less stunning, a class act that began with some wonderful dressy silk and crepe suits with fitted asymmetrical jackets and large rhinestone buttons.

He had all kinds of lovely ideas in opulent fabrics, often bringing out his signature touches like trapèze-shaped coats, enormous puffy sleeves, draped fuchs or shawl effects, the occasional big organza bow-train down the back.

He also brought out some luscious organzas edged in appliquéd flowers and looking more adorable than Alice in Wonderland. Those with a penchant for conspicuous chic could opt for the sequined cafe au lait lace pants topped by an egg-shaped tuque of ruched cloche with big puffs of bronze faille trim.

Lacroix used clouds of ostrich feathers to give a light touch to some beautifully-cut chiffons and georgette silks, absolutely winning in detectable colours like butter, peach and tea rose pink. And looking at the bias cuts leaves no doubt about it. Lacroix may be an artist above all, but he's definitely become a couturier.

His Sunday night show at the Opera Comique promises to wow the fashion crowd with an even bigger spectacle to salute his new perfume, "C'est la Vie."

Lacroix, who has spent \$40 million promoting his perfume, set out to win the hearts and minds of his future customers with a show that revelled in the luxury only individually-tailored haute couture can offer.

Her skirts were often draped, clinging with headlines way above the knee, jackets were fitted and sometimes featured plumping necklines over very low sweetheart strapless dresses. These were great in navy silk crepes with white guipure lace edging.

Brown was a favorite with Mrs Mori for next summer, and she dolled it up beautifully in white-striped fitted silk georgette suits, draped it and paired it with lace in sultry evening gowns.

She also went in for some sizzling versatil draped silk, and striking shades like cyclamen purple paired with gold lame.

## World's first lung implant

### Docs set to perform

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania, Jan 22, (UPI): Doctors at Penn State University's Hershey medical centre say they are ready to implant the world's first artificial lung into a human recipient.

Dr. Kane High, a professor of anaesthesia, said the membrane lung similar to those used on a heart-lung machine is ready to be tested, and the search for patient has begun.

The new device will be the first to be directly inserted in the body, where doctors hope it will take over lung function until the patient's own lungs have healed.

The Food and Drug Administration recently gave approval for human experiments on the temporary artificial lung.

If the artificial lung works, it could help victims of what doctors call adult respiratory distress syndrome, serious respiratory failure caused by trauma or infection.

Among the candidates for the lung would be victims of near-drowning, smoke inhalation and pneumonia. High said lung cancer patients in the early stages of the disease also may benefit from the artificial lung.

Doctors will insert the device — called an intravascular oxygenator, or ivox — in the patient's central vein, situated in the chest, to help in the process of filling the body's blood with oxygen and ridding it of carbon dioxide waste.

### Exxon made me a scapegoat, says Hazelwood

NEW YORK, Jan 22, (AP): The former captain of the tanker that caused the United States' worst oil spill said he's tired of being portrayed as "a drunken bum with a parrot on my shoulder who drove his ship aground."

Joseph Hazelwood, whose trial in Anchorage, Alaska, on charges stemming from the March disaster is scheduled to begin Jan 29, also said he has received death threats at his home in Huntington on Long Island.

"I'm handling infamy reasonably well," the Exxon Valdez' former skipper said in Life magazine's February issue. "But it's amazing how it

won't go away." He said Exxon Corp. has made him a scapegoat, and said he had been surprised at the time it took to begin cleaning up the spill.

Hazelwood, who has a history of alcohol abuse, has been accused of drinking the night the Exxon Valdez hit a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound, spilling nearly 11 million gallons (41.6 million litres) of crude oil.

Prosecutors also say he should have been at the helm since he was the ship's only authorised navigator for the Sound. His attorneys say the coast guard relaxed the rules in 1986.

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The effort is for the Washoe project at the campus in Ellensburg, about 125 miles to the east.

Washoe is the pioneering chimpanzee who was the first animal ever to learn a human language, said researcher Roger Fouts.

SARASOTA, Florida: Hotel chain owner Leona Helmsley, awaiting an appeal of her tax evasion conviction, toured a beachfront hotel she owns with her billionaire husband Harry.

About 20 employees of the Sandcastle on Lido Key welcomed the couple with banners and yellow roses this week.

"I don't know any of them," the beaming Mrs. Helmsley said. "But I love them. People are people."

As the Helmsleys inspected the hotel grounds, Mrs. Helmsley, 69, turned often to check on her 80-year-old husband, who has had health problems and often lagged behind his wife.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: Debt-plagued comedian Redo Foxx is trying to keep the Internal Revenue Service from seizing his proceeds from the sale of a Hollywood office building that he owned.

Foxx's lawyers are challenging IRS efforts to get a piece of the \$1.6 million raised in the sale, saying the agency failed to document back taxes it has received from Foxx.

Beverly Hills attorney Paul Whitford said he will demand a full accounting by the IRS at a hearing scheduled for Tuesday in Las Vegas.

The IRS seized Foxx's Las Vegas home, jewellery, cars and other belongings in November, saying he still owed \$750,000 in back taxes, and scheduled an auction of the property Jan 27. (AP)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



Making friends

Midshipman Marine Barrheim of the visiting Swedish minelayer HMS Carlskrona makes friends with a native koala at wildlife reserve near Sydney this week. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Quick, safe killer

### Last meal for insects

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 22, (AP): Insect pests could be quickly and safely killed by enticing them to eat a gelatinous meal containing parasites, a biologist says.

Such biological pesticides can't harm plants, animals or the environment, but kill beetles, termites, cockroaches, boll weevils, corn rootworms, tobacco worms and other insects within days, said Frank Chang, a Temple University biology professor.

"Biogel" is a soft material that contains an insect attractant, a feeding stimulant, food and nematodes — insect enemies, Chang said. Nematodes live naturally in the soil and farmers, to control pests, spray them in large quantities in fields, a process Chang said is generally inefficient.

SEATTLE, Washington: Actress Loretta Swit will help raise money for a new play area for five "talking" chimpanzees, which re-

achers at central Washington University say are the first non-human to learn sign language.

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Barry holds hands with wife Effi at St Timothy's Episcopal church in Washington DC. (Reuter wirephoto)



Barry addressing reporters. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Barry to seek help for alcoholism

'He has reached the hour of reckoning': wife Effi

WASHINGTON, Jan 22, (AP): Mayor Marion Barry, whose arrest on drug charges has shaken city politics in the US capital, said yesterday he would seek help "to heal my body, mind and soul."

"He has reached the hour of reckoning," said his wife, Effi.

At times blinking back tears, the mayor of the US capital provided no further details on what kind of assistance he will seek, except to say that social activist and self-described nutritional expert Dick Gregory has been consulting him on how to get help. On side said Barry's main problem was with alcoholism.

Top advisers to the mayor, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the mayor is considering checking into the Betty Ford Clinic in Rancho Mirage, California and two

unnamed clinics in the Washington area. A decision on where the mayor will be treated is expected before today, the aides said.

Barry's brief statement was the latest event in an unfolding drama that has riveted the nation's capital since the mayor was arrested on drug charges last Thursday night.

While Barry did not say whether he is suffering from drug abuse, others did.

Herbert O. Reid Sr., one of the mayor's closest personal advisors, said he hoped that from Barry's travails "we can all learn something about drug addiction."

"He's doing the right thing," Reid said. "I am — we are — relieved, because many of us have suspected for some time that he has had a problem."

"The most serious problem is alcoholism," Barry spokesman

woman Lurma Rackley said. "The mayor has acknowledged that he has a health concern, and the details are his private matter."

"For you to admit that you have a problem ... that you need to make yourself whole again is truly a burden lifted from our souls," the mayor's wife said yesterday in remarks that followed her husband's. "For our family it is just the beginning."

Barry, surrounded by clergy in a broadcast appearance in front of St. Timothy's episcopal church near his home, clasped his wife's hand and said he has come "face to face with my deepest human failures."

Barry said, "these ministers have helped me to keep the strength I need ... I'm going to find a way to heal my body, mind and soul."

The mayor did not take questions and turned the podium to Mrs Barry following his brief statement. Attention has been focused on Mrs. Barry in part because the mayor was lured to his arrest by a woman with whom the mayor has been friendly.

Barry, 53, was arrested Thursday evening at a downtown hotel in an FBI sting operation. He now faces a misdemeanour cocaine possession charge after testing positive for cocaine in blood and urine tests administered following his arrest.

Barry had been poised to announce his bid for a fourth term as mayor yesterday but his arrest has thrown local politics into convulsions. Several advisers said Barry had agreed to abandon his bid for re-election, and they added that the possibility of his resignation from

office was never discussed in Friday and Saturday strategy sessions.

Fifty seven per cent of Washingtonians believe Mayor and accused drug user Marion Barry should resign and forget his re-election bid, a poll indicated yesterday.

At the same time many believed the prosecution of Barry, a black was racially-motivated by white US attorney Jay Stephens and other senior officials.

The Washington Post poll of 661 city residents found seven out of 10 believed the mayor probably had illegally used cocaine when arrested Friday Night. And 43 per cent, a plurality, agreed with a question in the poll that asked if Barry had "only himself to blame" for his troubles.

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### Documents

Many of the assets cited by the administration as evidence of the general's personal wealth belonged to Panama's defence forces or are registered to businessmen close to the general, according to documents emerging from Panamanian government offices in the aftermath of the Dec 20 US invasion.

"A case in point," the Herald said, was the State Department allegation that Noriega owned a Boeing 727 aircraft, three Lear jets and three luxury boats.

In reality, officials conclude, documents found in government offices in recent weeks suggest that none of those planes and boats may be traceable to Noriega.

All these properties cited by the US government exist but were not his," said Mario Rodriguez, a former commerce minister with the Noriega regime.

"It's like saying that Camp David belongs to Bush." Camp David is a government-owned presidential retreat near Washington DC, used by President George Bush and his predecessors in the White House.

### Evidence

Other officials counter that there is widespread evidence of Noriega amassing a significant personal fortune after taking over Panama's defence forces in 1983. US troops claimed they found more than \$4 million in cash at Noriega's home after the invasion.

Meanwhile, an attorney for Noriega said the defence doesn't intend to rest in its flight to get the ousted dictator out on bond pending his Miami federal trial on drug-trafficking charges.

"The government is taking a position which precludes the possibility of bond for Gen. Noriega at any time in this case," said Steven Kolin, one of several attorneys for the former Panamanian defence force commander.

"Our position is that the government cannot meet the burden of their pre-trial detention demand either on the issue of risk of flight or danger to the community," Kolin said Sunday.

Diane Cossin, spokeswoman for the US attorney's office in Miami, said the prosecution believes it has met the burden.

Meantime, Samuel Burstyn, an attorney for Noriega co-defendant Luis Del Cid, said Sunday he'll travel to Panama City this week seeking evidence and testimony to bolster his efforts to win bond for Del Cid.

# Noriega piled up a \$300m fortune

Money made selling Panamanian visas

LOS ANGELES, Jan 22, (Agencies): Ousted Panamanian strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega amassed a personal fortune during his years in power that may approach \$300 million, including a \$27 million castle in France, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

The United States believes Noriega acquired much of the money in the last two years through a scheme in which Panamanian visas were sold at huge prices to Cuban and Chinese citizens desperate to leave their countries, the Times said, quoting US and Panamanian sources.

Up to 18,000 immigrants, some who paid \$10,000 or more for the documents, are believed to have entered Panama under the scheme, which was co-ordinated by Noriega, the newspaper said. One source described as knowledgeable estimated that Noriega, currently in US custody in Florida facing drug trafficking charges, personally made more than \$100 million from the scheme.

Noriega is also believed to have made vast sums from his stewardship of the country's customs and tax

systems, and his relationship with Colombian drug cartels, which allegedly paid him for his assistance in allowing drug runners to use Panama as a base, the newspaper said.

### Surprising

Included in the fortune, the Times said, is a surprising amount of real estate, including the castle in the south of France, a large estate in Sweden and expensive houses in the United States.

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# Cali cartel's base raided

Drug lord's girl held

BOGOTA, Jan 22, (Agencies):

The Colombian Army seized three apartments belonging to the reputed leader of the cocaine cartel based in the southern city of Cali and detained his daughter, an army spokesman said Sunday.

The spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said three luxurious apartments belonging to the suspect, Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, were seized on Friday and Saturday in the capital.

Meanwhile, police said Sunday that 12 people were found slain at a tourist ranch near the town of Gomez Plata, 186 miles (300 km) north of the capital Bogota.

The Antioquia state police identified the dead as two managers of the ranch and 10 youths from the city of Medellin.

The victims' hands and feet were bound and the bodies bore multiple bullet wounds, police said in a communiqué.

They did not say when the killings had taken place, nor how the bodies were discovered. It was not known whether the incident was drug-related.

"The activities of the military forces of the national police and the department of national security have been successful and will continue being carried out in order to finish dismantling the gangs of hitmen and the narco-terrorist organisations," Barco's administration said Friday.

The statement by Barco's administration said the offer to surrender showed Colombia's drug traffickers had recognised their own defeat.

In Washington, the US Marshals Services said Joseph Amsili-Cohen, 38, a native of Morocco and a naturalised citizen of Colombia, was turned over by Colombian authorities to a team of the Marshals Service's special operations group early Sunday in Bogota and flown to Boston, where he is under indictment on charges of participating in a cocaine trafficking ring.

Rodriguez Orejuela's daughter, Claudia Rodriguez, was captured when she entered one of the residences. Army officials questioned her for several hours before releasing her, the spokesman said. He added that there

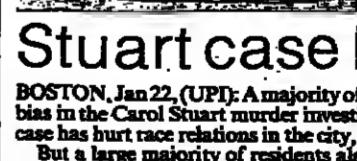
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CITY LEADERS WORRY THAT FEARS OF HUSBANDS MAY BE REKINDLED



Stuart case hurt race ties

BOSTON, Jan 22, (UPI): A majority of Boston residents believe there was racial bias in the Carol Stuart murder investigation and about two-thirds believe the case has hurt race relations in the city, according to polls released yesterday.

But a large majority of residents also believe that black community leaders "have gone too far" in saying the investigation of the shooting, initially blamed on a black man, was an "assault" on the minority community, the surveys indicated.

A poll conducted for the Boston Herald and television station WCVB-TV found that 56 per cent of the 503 respondents agreed there was racial bias in law enforcement handling of the Oct 23 shooting.

Among the 400 Boston residents surveyed in a poll for the Boston Globe and WBBZ-TV, blacks and whites differed significantly over police handling of the case, over initial reports a black gunman was responsible for Stuart's death and on whether Boston is a safe city.

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get married later and know more about contraceptives.

The study was prepared by Harold N. Burdett, the institute's director of information, and Werner Fornos, its president.

"Nations that have opened up the schoolhouse and the workplace to women have experienced uniform declines in their fertility rates."

At a news conference, he praised South Korea for its programme to give all girls eight years of school and to emphasise the textile industry as a big employer of women.

## Threat to boycott US meet Anger at US policy

PARIS, Jan 22, (AP): French Health Minister Claude Evin has added his name to the list of prominent Europeans threatening to boycott an international meeting in San Francisco unless Congress changes a US law he said "stupidly discriminates" against AIDS victims.

At least 16 organisations from France, Scandinavia, Britain and elsewhere have announced that they plan to boycott the meeting scheduled this summer unless the US government changes the policy that prohibits people suffering AIDS from entering the United States without a special waiver. Those granted the waiver have their passport stamped with a permanent number indicating they are

infected with the HIV virus.

Evin, in a letter to World Health Organisation secretary general Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, condemned the US immigration law that "discriminates on the basis of health." He said he will not attend the huge sixth International Conference on AIDS to be held June 20-24 in San Francisco "in the absence of guarantees respecting individual liberty."

WHO is one of the sponsors of the prestigious meeting, which each year draws doctors, researchers, health officials and representatives from many of the world's most respected health organisations.

**Air links resumed**

Argentina and Britain resumed direct air links Sunday for the first time since the 1982 Falkland Islands War.

An Aerolineas Argentinas flight arrived in London at 1310 GMT, and a British Airways commercial jet touched down in this South American capital about 1.2 hours later.

The approximately 40 passengers getting off the British Airways plane, which had left most passengers at previous stops, the Brazilian cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, were greeted by Bagpipers. (Picture top).

Later, British consul Alan Hunt and British Airways regional manager Ian Gillespie exchanged a champagne toast with Argentine officials.

An Argentine official stands on the runway at Heathrow airport (top) after the resumption of flights. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ortega feared ambush

MANAGUA, Jan 22, (AP): President Daniel Ortega has said there were plots by US-backed rebels to ambush him in a remote region of northern Nicaragua where he campaigned for the upcoming elections.

He said that if such an ambush were to occur he or others around him were hurt, the United States would be

No ambush occurred, and his assertions could not be independently corroborated.

Ortega spoke at a political rally in San Juan de Rio Coco, a small town in the northern province of Masaya, which borders Honduras. A tape of his speech was provided to the Associated Press.

Ortega is running for re-election against Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, the candidate of the US-backed United National Opposition, or UNO. General elections are scheduled for Feb 25.

The leftist Sandinista government has said the number of combat incidents with the rebels, known as Contras, has increased sharply this month.

Ortega spoke yesterday morning at a rally in Quidilt, then left for San Juan de Rio Coco.

"Now that we were coming from Quidilt, they (Contras) tried to stage an ambush on the road," Ortega said.

An Argentine official stands on the runway at Heathrow airport (top) after the resumption of flights. (Reuter wirephoto)

**US study links overpopulation to ignorance in Third World countries: more schools for women needed**

WASHINGTON, Jan 22, (AP): More schools and more jobs for women would do most to hold down huge growth in the numbers of people in the Third World, a report by the population institute said yesterday.

The population explosion is no longer a prediction, it's already here, according to the institute, an advocacy group on this issue.

The study noted that last year, the world's population increased by more than 90 million people.

Rich countries like the United States have ignorant people as well as the Third World, though there are fewer. The report said that among people in some industrial countries, one in 10 is "functionally illiterate." That is, they can read and write some, but they can not follow printed instructions to write a simple letter.

The report said about 900 million of the world's 5.5 billion people cannot read, and that almost two out of every three illiterates are women.

"In Sudan women with no formal education had,

on average, 6.5 children," it said. "But Sudanese women with four to six years of school averaged five children and those with seven or more years of school averaged 3.4 children."

"In Mexico... uneducated women had an average of eight children but women with seven or more years of education averaged 2.7," the report said.

The study reported that women who get only one or two years of school tend to have more surviving children rather than fewer. It suggested that was because even a little education helps a mother keep her babies alive. Women who stay at school longer

## INTERNATIONAL

# Racial crime grows in US

**WASHINGTON, Jan 22,** (Reuter): Two fatal bombings in December have brought warnings from the government about a growing threat of violence in the United States from hate groups pushing their own style of bigotry.

"We face a mounting threat," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, the country's chief law enforcement official, said in a recent speech. "Some 230 hate groups in the United States have multiplied racial violence eight-fold over the '80s."

The bombs—both sent by post—killed white federal judge Robert Vance near Birmingham, Alabama, and black attorney Robert Robinson in Savannah, Georgia. Vance had made several rulings in favour of civil rights and against hate groups.

Two other mail bombs were found at a federal courthouse in Atlanta, Georgia and the Jacksonville, Florida, office of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), one of the biggest and oldest of US civil rights groups.

Federal investigators said all four bombs were similar and probably were sent by the same person or group, but no suspects have been identified.

The previously unknown Americans for a Competent Federal Judicial System claimed responsibility for the bombings and threatened to kill other judges, lawyers and NAACP officials in retaliation for alleged sexual attacks by blacks against white women.

## Signify

"When we hear of bombings, obscene phone calls, hate mail—each one of us must speak out. And there is no place for the baggage of bigotry in the United States of America," President George Bush said at a White House ceremony marking the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., the black civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968.

Thornburgh said the bombings were part of an increase in attacks by hate groups against blacks, Jews, Asians and other minorities.

"Our continuing course will be to investigate, indict and punish those who unleash their bigotry and intolerance in cowardly acts of anonymous vandalism, open abuse or conspiratorial violence," he said.

He said the Justice Department had prosecuted 62 defendants in 41 racial cases last year, twice as many as in any single year before, and had won almost every case.

Groups he cited included those with names like the Order, White Aryan Resistance and Posse Comitatus, which all advocate white supremacy.

Daniel Levitas of the Atlanta-based Centre for Democratic Renewal said there were about 20,000 hard core activists in the hate groups with another 200 supporters.

The Ku Klux Klan, the post-civil war group whose hooded members terrorised blacks with lynchings and beatings, is still active with cross burnings and other acts of intimidation but it has split into some two dozen factions with a total membership of about 5,000, according to Levitas.

So-called skinheads, mostly teenagers and young men, have about 3,000 members in groups across the country, he said.

"The past decade saw a resurgence of bigoted violence," Levitas said in an interview.



Anne and Mark during happier times.

## Queen 'gives permission'

# Anne denies divorce

**LONDON, Jan 22,** (Reuter): Britain's Princess Anne denied banner-headline reports today that she was planning to divorce her estranged husband Mark Phillips.

"I haven't seen a paper today," Queen Elizabeth's only daughter told independent Television News. "Divorce? Never been mentioned by anybody."

Princess Anne, looking puzzled, was speaking from behind the wheel of a farm vehicle on her country estate in western England.

Princess Anne and Phillips announced their separation last August, saying there were no plans for divorce proceedings.

In a report headlined "Anne I want a quickie divorce", the Daily Express said the princess was pushing to end the 15-year-old marriage despite Phillips' wish to let the separation run on indefinitely.

The tabloid popular press was split on just when the royal rift would become permanent and whether Queen Elizabeth had given her only daughter "permission" to divorce Phillips quickly.

Many of Britain's royal-watcher journalists had predicted the marriage would be dissolved with minimum fuss after a two-year legal separation.

A divorce before then would require the couple to list grounds other than separation for ending the marriage.

The Daily Express said this would force the royal family to wash its dirty linen in public.

The Daily Mirror and Today reported that Queen Elizabeth had given Anne permission to divorce Phillips. But the Daily Mirror said the monarch was insisting the 39-year-old princess should not rush to untie the knot.

Buckingham Palace declined comment.

Mark knew his marriage was over but for the sake of the children he wanted the break to be gradual one rather than the unification rush it has become," the Daily Express quoted an unidentified close friend of the former army captain as saying.

The couple's two children, Peter, 12, and Zara, eight, are at boarding school.

The split followed reports linking Princess Anne romantically to Commander Timothy Lawrence, the queen's former equerry and author of several personal letters to the princess which were later stolen and sent to a newspaper.

Reporting that a divorce plan had been hammered out at a recent meeting between the queen and her daughter, the Daily Mirror said a second marriage would be out of the question.

"The queen just couldn't sanction this because of her religious position (as head of the Church of England)," it quoted a Buckingham Palace source as saying.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PhD shortage warned:** A group of US research universities issued a policy statement on Sunday calling for prompt US government action to prevent an impending shortage of PhD graduates that threatens both business and higher education.

"There is about 1970, the government has only reduced its commitment to the support of doctoral students on the grounds that freely functioning labour markets would produce the appropriate supply," Association of American Universities president Robert Rosenzweig wrote in the report's preface. (UPI)

**Computer hacker case:** The jury in the trial of a Cornell University graduate student accused of unleashing a worm that shut down some 6,000 computers will have to weigh the defendant's claim that the incident was nothing more than an experiment that went awry.

After testimony concluded Thursday, US district judge Howard Munson told the jury of nine women and three men they could expect to hear closing arguments Monday and that he would then instruct them on the law applicable to the case before allowing them to begin deliberations.

"Keep an open mind until you've heard summation of counsel," Munson advised the jury. (UPI)

**Man held in slaying:** Police arrested a Japanese man on a murder charge this week, hours after the bodies of his wife and two young children were unearthed at a mud-covered construction site in Portland's West Hills.

Yoshio Morimoto, 33, of Beaverton, was taken into custody without incident about 9.15 pm at a downtown Portland apartment where a working associate lives, said Beaverton police spokesman Mark Hyde.

An excavation crew working in a large pile of mud at an apartment complex under construction found the buried body of Miya Morimoto, 3.

The body of 9-month-old Shobu Morimoto was found as a backpack was used to carefully remove layers of dirt and mud. The body of Kiko Morimoto, 31, was found under about 15 feet (5 m) of dirt, said Beaverton police spokesman Mark Hyde. (UPI)

**Explorer wants Antarctica protected:** Polar explorer Will Steger, in the midst of an attempt at an unsupported dog-sled trek across Antarctica, is calling for environmental protections for the earth's coldest continent.

"We've got to leave this continent alone," Steger said by satellite telephone from the Soviet Vostok Research Station.

Granting mineral rights to competing countries would put us back in a cold war situation 10 or 15 years from now when we run out of uranium. I'd be like the '80s all over again, and we can't afford to regress like that." (UPI)

**Gummen shot after robbery:** Police and FBI agents who had trailed two gummen to a bank finally shot them after they robbed it and tried to flee with a bag of cash.

The men, unaware they were being followed, ran into the Hamilton Federal Savings Bank in the New York City borough of Brooklyn on Thursday wearing stocking masks and ski caps. The men carried a sawed-off shotgun and a revolver, authorities said.

About 30 heavily armed FBI agents and police sealed off the block. The robbers jumped in their car and tried to drive away, attempting to run down two officials in the process. Neither was injured.

Officers fired into the car, killing both men, said assistant chief Joseph Calzaro. Witnesses said at least 20 shots were fired at the car.

The two men had been linked to a crime ring responsible for a dozen area bank robberies during the past 18 months that netted more than \$250,000, said William Y. Doran, head of the FBI's criminal division in the city. (AP)

**Cardin collection**

## Stalker points finger at senior officials for ouster

# RUC inquiry row flares again

## Ireland unites to save Fogg the turtle

**LONDON, Jan 22,** (AP): John Stalker, the cop whose thwarted investigation came to symbolise doubts about justice in Northern Ireland, is back to haunt the British government.

Stalker, who was removed in 1986 before completing an inquiry into killings by police in Northern Ireland, says he has documentary proof that his ouster was engineered by "senior civil servants, possibly at the cabinet level" in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government.

If Stalker is to be believed—and the government strongly denies it—his removal was intended to obstruct an investigation of alleged murder and perjury by officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force.

Trevor Forbes, recently reined as chief of the RUC's anti-terrorist special branch, was quoted by the Sunday Times as saying "there was no conspiracy and no cover-up within the RUC."

If there had been, he argued, Stalker's deputy also would have been removed, but he was not.

Stalker's new claim of proof came last week after fraud charges against his friend, Kevin Taylor, were dismissed in Manchester crown court. Their relationship was at the core of the inquiry that led to Stalker's suspension.

"I have always said that the charges against Mr. Taylor were a contrivance, a means of getting me through him," Stalker said. Taylor's attorneys argued that detectives lied to obtain a warrant to examine Taylor's bank records. Documents relating to the warrant are now missing, prosecutors admitted.

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"If Mr. Stalker has a document which he feels is relevant I am sure he will produce it."

Stalker said he would do that but only to "someone with direct access to and authority from Thatcher's Conservative Party and long-time supporter of Stalker."

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The Stalker story goes back to Oct 27, 1982, when Irish Republican Army guerrillas killed three RUC officers in an ambush with a land mine.

On Nov 11, 1982, three suspects identified by an informer were shot to death by special branch officers. On Nov 24, the same unit killed one man and wounded another near a tiny barn where police believed the mine had been stored.

Haiti's military government on Saturday began arresting opposition leaders after a Haitian army colonel, his wife and a servant were gunned down driving in a car near the suburban Port-au-Prince home of prominent conservative leader Hubert de Ronceray, who was deported to Saturday.

De Ronceray told reporters in Miami yesterday that the armed forces of Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril were aiming for what they thought was his car Friday when they killed Col. Andre Neptune, who was driving a similar car.

Haitian government officials have said they do not know who killed the colonel.

De Ronceray said his political colleagues had warned him that Avril, Haiti's leader, wanted him "destroyed," so he changed his Friday schedule.

"They made a mistake and killed the colonel," he said. "Thirty minutes after he was killed, the guards arrived for me."

Roy had been banished in 1957 by dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. He, as well as de Ronceray, another key Duvalier opponent, spent several years in exile in Montreal, Canada before returning to Haiti after the end of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier's rule.

Police and soldiers rounded up dozens of opponents of Avril in a city-wide sweep Saturday. About 10 of the detained political opponents, including socialist leader Serge Giller, were released after being severely beaten.

Family members and sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said the others exiled yesterday were Aby Brun of the Congress for Democratic Movement, Dr Sylvain Jolibois of the small radical Jean-Jacques Dessalines group and radical activists Michel Legros and Max Montrouzi.

Critics claimed the arrests, beatings, banishments and state of siege indicated Avril plans to renege on promises to hold free elections this year.

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Burt (left) greets Soviet Ambassador Yuri Nazarkin at the start of arms talks. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Arms talks resume amid renewed confidence

GENEVA, Jan 23. (AP): US and Soviet arms negotiators resumed talks yesterday voicing renewed confidence they will meet at the Malta summit goal of completing a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty before the end of the year.

Round 13 of the 5-year-old negotiations on long range nuclear arms and space weapons began with a meeting between the heads of the delegations, Richard Burt and Yuri Nazarkin, to discuss the programme of the closed-door talks.

A joint statement said both men hope "it will be possible during his round to make substantial progress on those issues where differences remain."

The upbeat note was underlined by the signing of a new agreement allowing both sides for the first

time to inspect each other's nuclear warheads on a trial basis. The trial inspections are intended to show procedures officials hope to use to make sure the number of warheads on each missile does not exceed the number assigned under the Start treaty.

"It's a good way to start," Burt told reporters after the 35-minute meeting. Nazarkin nodded and stressed that it was already the fourth "trial measure" agreed upon by the negotiators.

The three earlier measures covered notification of manoeuvres, procedures to identify bombers carrying air-launched Cruise Missiles, or ALCMs, and provisions for each side to show how they identify the other's missiles.

The Start treaty is intended to cut by 30 to 50 per

cent the number of land-, and sea-based missiles with which each superpower can strike the other. Both sides have already agreed on lowered ceilings of 1,600 delivery vehicles — missiles and bombers — and 6,000 nuclear warheads.

US President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev agreed at Malta that all major outstanding issues should be resolved by their next summit in June and that the Start treaty should be signed before the end of 1990.

When asked whether the negotiators felt under pressure, Burt replied, "it's constructive pressure."

■ The United States has decided to delay further negotiations on limiting nuclear testing once two treaties now being discussed by Washington and

Moscow are ratified by the Senate, the State Department said yesterday.

The position is a change in policy likely to anger the Soviet Union and arms control advocates worldwide.

In previous official statements of policy, the United States had promised that once the threshold test ban treaty and the peaceful nuclear explosion treaty were ratified, "we will immediately propose negotiations on ways to implement a step-by-step parallel programme ... of limiting and ultimately ending nuclear testing."

But a State Department spokeswoman, Nancy Beck, said new negotiations would be delayed for an indefinite period.

## Missiles, hurdle to E-W detente

VIENNA, Jan 23. (AP): Despite better relations between the two superpowers, the future is clouded by growing capability of states to produce ballistic missiles, a US Army general warned yesterday.

Gen. John D. Robinson, speaking at an unusual gathering of top East-West military leaders also said terrorism and drug trafficking are prime concerns.

The future, Robinson told the group, holds a "strategic environment even more complex than that of the last 45 years."

The general said some intelligence experts predict that by the year 2000, some 15 or more countries will have the capacity to produce and launch ballistic missiles. He also pointed to the dangers of "indiscriminate use" of chemical weapons.

The proliferation of nuclear technology, too, "should trouble everyone," he said.

While hailing improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union, Robinson said some global trends "are not so positive."

The meeting, attended by top military officers from 35 nations, opened Jan 16. It is part of a series of steps by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the Warsaw Pact and neutral nations aimed at easing military tensions in Europe.

Robinson is the director of force structure resource planning and assessment at the Joint Staff Directorate.

Last week, Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff, the top US military officer, addressed the gathering.

■ The government yesterday presented a bill to Parliament calling for a six-month extension on the May deadline for the United States to dismantle its military installations in Greece.

Under the terms of a defence accord that expired in December 1988, the United States has until May 21 to remove personnel, property and material from four major bases and several smaller installations unless a new agreement is reached.

The proposed new deadline for dismantling the bases is Nov 21.

The bill, signed by Foreign Minister Antonis Samaras and Defence Minister Tzannis Tsanakas, is scheduled to be debated by a parliamentary committee today.

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■ The planned US testing today of an unarmed cruise missile over Canada's northern territories will be virtually ignored by peace and environmental groups, a spokesman for the Toronto-based Greenpeace said yesterday.

"We have no plans for action against it," Greenpeace spokesman David Croft said. "The issue is by no means dead, but we are concentrating on other things."

## Talks open to avoid forced repatriation

### US opposes: Britain adamant on boat people

GENEVA, Jan 23. (UPI): Involved nations began two days of talks today on alternatives to Britain's declared intention to forcibly send back thousands of Vietnamese boat people crowding Hong Kong camps.

The United States said it remains opposed to British policy because there are still no assurances that repatriated refugees will be fairly treated.

"Our position is still against forced repatriation until the situation in Vietnam changes," said a spokesman for the US delegation, led by Robert Funeschi, assistant deputy secretary of state for refugee affairs. "Conditions in Vietnam still preclude fair treatment of returning refugees," the spokesman said.

The two-day meeting involved the 15 nations represented on a steering committee established under a "comprehensive plan of action" for Indochinese refugees agreed at a Geneva conference last summer.

Members comprise Asian countries of refugee origin and of first asylum plus the Western countries providing final resettlement possibilities.

About 10 additional nations were attending the Geneva meeting.

Last year's plan centred on encouraging the voluntary return of refugees and finding alternatives to forced repatriation, which violates basic principles of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Vietnam, at the 1989 conference, pledged not to discriminate against returning nationals — a promise hardly yet put to the test because of the small numbers agreeing to voluntary return.

Britain, before Christmas, caused a furor by an initial forced repatriation from Hong Kong of 51 boat people.

Thorwald Stoltenberg of Norway, who became high commissioner for refugees just one week ago told the meeting that "the preservation of the principle and practice of first asylum" remains the plan's "fundamental objective."

"We are fully aware of the heavy burden that the Indochinese influx has imposed on asylum states in the past 15 years," Stoltenberg said. "The continued generous granting of temporary refuge to new arrivals has been a most encouraging commitment in these circumstances."

"Having said so I must, however, express serious concern at the continuing reports of denial of refuge in the region," he said without naming any specific countries.

**Bombs go off on 8 trains in Tokyo area**

TOKYO, Jan 23. (AP): Time bombs believed set by leftist radicals exploded almost simultaneously on eight trains in the Tokyo area early today, but no injuries were reported.

A metropolitan police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the explosions, all small, damaged seats on the trains.

He declined to discuss further details, but Kyodo news service reported that Japan's best-known radical group, the Chukaku-Ha (middle core faction), claimed responsibility for the blasts.

Kyodo said that in a statement sent to news media, the group declared "unlimited war" against plans for the formal coronation of Emperor Akihito in November and for expansion of Tokyo's International Airport.

**Chiang won't risk running for VP**

TAIPEI, Jan 23. (AP): Chiang Wego, son of the late Chiang Kai-Shek says he does not intend to run for vice president despite urging from the ruling Nationalist Party's conservative old guard, a report said today.

The liberal Independence Morning Post quoted Chiang Wego, 74, as saying he "will ensure family's reputation should be ruined" if he should try but fail to win the post.

Chiang Wego, whose father led the national government to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war to communist forces on the Chinese mainland, has been an army general and now is secretary-general of the National Security Council.

## Kaifu to call general polls

### Popularity down

TOKYO, Jan 23. (UPI): Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu prepared today to dissolve the powerful lower house of parliament and call general elections next month amid poor popularity rating for his administration.

Kaifu, 58, called on Emperor Akihito today to report on his recent tour of both Western and Eastern Europe and his resolve to dissolve the lower house and hold general elections, government sources said.

A nation-wide opinion survey conducted last week showed that public support for Kaifu's administration improved slightly over the past month but was outclassed by the non-support rate, the national daily Asahi Shimbun reported today.

The daily said the support rate stood at 37 per cent, up from 35 per cent in December, against the non-support rate of 41 per cent, up from 40 per cent.

The paper said public support for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party stood at 48 per cent, compared with 30 per cent for the No. 1 opposition Japan Socialist Party.

Political sources said the LDP and opposition parties formally agreed to dissolve the lower house tomorrow afternoon after voting for three pending bills, including government subsidies to farmers.

A total of 14 people, including Recruit's founder and former chairman Hiromasa Ezoe, now stand trial on bribery charges.

### Abnormality in rocket

## Japan aborts launch

UCHINOURA, Japan, Jan 23. (AP): With only 18 seconds to go in the countdown, Japanese technicians canceled a rocket launch today that was aimed at making Japan the world's third nation to reach the moon.

Officials said only that an abnormality caused the launch to be scrubbed, and it would be another day before a launch "window" reopened.

Dozens of reporters gathered on a dark hillside several miles (kilometres) from the ocean-side launch site on the southern island of Kyushu to watch for the hatch of the rocket carrying two satellites on a lunar mission.

18 seconds before 8:48 pm (1148 GMT) scheduled liftoff, the countdown was stopped. Details of the problem were not immediately revealed.

If successfully launched, the Muses-A would be the first spacecraft to visit the moon since the Soviet Union landed the unmanned vehicle Luna 24 on its surface in 1976. America's first astronaut landed on the moon in 1969.

The mission received little advance publicity in Japan and was not shown live on television.

The sponsoring agency, the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, chose to use the flight to develop techniques for an eventual manned lunar flight and exploration of other planets, said Kuninori Uesugi, an ISAS official who briefed reporters.



Two Khmer Rouge rebels sit on a pile of artillery shells at Phnom Malai. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Mongolia declares first local elections

EAST BERLIN, Jan 23, (Reuters): The Mongolian Communist Party, facing unprecedented popular pressure to reform, has for the first time promised elections for local party posts, the official East German News Agency ADN said today.

ADN, reporting from the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator, said the party newspaper Uraa, had announced town and district elections for the third quarter of the year.

Up to now Mongolia's Stalinist leadership has not permitted competition for party posts.

"Local party leaders are preparing for any changes that might follow and have been ordered to heed all wishes and suggestions from their members," the ADN report said.

ADN said the politburo of the ruling Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party had decided to hold elections before its 20th party congress.

The report was from ADN correspondent Hugo Kroepelin, one of only a handful of foreign journalists based permanently in Mongolia. He speaks Mongolian and is considered an authority on the country in his native East Germany.

Yesterday the Magnolian Democratic Association, a fledgling reform group demanding an end to the country's 69-year-old communist system, predicted that democracy would take root this year.

Commenting on the group's demands for the first time, a government spokesman told foreign journalists that the ruling Communist party could "envision a multi-party system."

Mongolia is a vast land of rolling steppes sandwiched between China and the Soviet Union. Home to just over two million people, it is the world's second oldest communist country and remains closely allied to the Soviet Union.

But the winds of change that toppled hard-line communist rulers among Moscow's Eastern European allies have now reached this remote land.

The Democratic Association has staged four unofficial demonstrations in Ulan Bator since early December. A statue of former Soviet leader Josef Stalin was removed last week from a city street.

He confirmed guerrilla claims to have cut parts of route 5 and route 6, which run the length of the country from Phnom Penh to the western border with Thailand, and a rail line linking Pursat, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces.

The spokesman, Rear Adm. Krai-chit Sirisombat, spoke at a news conference briefing reporters on the past month of guerrilla activities.

The Vietnamese-installed government is opposed by a three-party res-



Islands following heavy rains recently. (Reuter wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### World's tallest man dies

Gabriel Estavo Mondlane, reportedly the tallest man in the world at more than 8 feet, has died of injuries sustained when he accidentally fell down in the backyard of his Maputo home, the state-run daily Noticias reported Tuesday. He was 45.

Mondlane, recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the tallest living man in the world at 8 feet, 3/4 inches (245.7 cm) died Sunday, said Noticias, which estimated his height at 2.7 metres, (9 feet).

Known in Mozambique as the "Giant of Mandikazi" after his birthplace in the southern Mozambican province of Gaza, Mondlane fell in his backyard Sunday and hit his head violently on the concrete floor, Noticias said.

It said he is survived by a wife and a 14-year-old son.

striking engineers in Oeiras, Portugal.

No injuries were reported.

Protesters claimed the state-owned Caminhos de Ferro Portugueses (CP) railroad company failed to provide promised Sunday service on the line during the strike.

Police estimated up to 4,000 people took part in the protest, which began just before 9 am (0900 GMT) when rush-hour trains failed to pick up Lisbon-bound passengers in this suburban station 20 kilometres (12 miles) west of the capital. (AP)

### Parcel full of cash found

A bomb squad called to defuse a suspicious parcel outside a Spanish Marquis home found it contained three million pesetas (\$27,000) neatly wrapped in a shoebox, police said on Monday in Seville, Spain.

There was no word on who left the mysterious gift at the door of Luis Gonzaga, Marquis of Irún, in Jerez, 80 km (50 miles) south of Seville. (Reuter)

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He said Karen Good had placed her son in the bathtub, with her baby brother Peter, 23 months, watching, and went down stairs to attend to some chores Monday night at their home in the Sydney suburb of Bradbury.

When she called out and received no answer she rushed upstairs to find Brendan floating face-up in the bath.

### Boy electrocuted in bathtub

A 5-year-old boy was electrocuted Monday when his brother dropped their mother's hair dryer in his bath, police said in Sydney, Australia.

Brend

## INTERNATIONAL

**Reform groups may join cabinet**

EAST BERLIN, Jan 22, (Agencies): Communist Premier Hans Modrow agreed today to rebuild the East German government to include pro-democracy groups after the leader of one of the main reform forces acknowledged the need for immediate action.

Modrow and opposition leaders also showed rare agreement in denouncing a report by the mass-circulation West German newspaper *Bild* that army and secret police agents were planning a coup in East Germany.

"I appeal to the representatives of the new parties at the round table ... to enter the government as cabinet members in order to form a broad coalition," Modrow said today at the weekly negotiations between the government and more than a dozen fledgling parties and reform movements.

Modrow proposed a meeting Wednesday to consider a new cabinet.

"It is my intention to give a new quality to our co-operation," Modrow said during the nationally televised session. "Our expectation of our constructive advice underscores this intention."

Opposition groups previously had indicated they would take part in running the government only if they were offered ministerial posts.

In the current 27-member cabinet, communists hold 16 posts, dominating partners that in any case have long been allies. The Liberal Democrats hold five seats, the Christian Democrats three, and the National Democrats and the Free Party two each.

Ibrahim Boehme of the increasingly influential Social Democratic Party said at the meeting that a coalition government was possible "if all parties and groups are prepared to enter the government on an emergency basis, without weeks-long negotiations."

East Germans are preparing for their first free elections on May 6. But broad differences between the communist-dominated government and opposition groups over an interim government has slowed the democratic transition and stalled measures to rescue the economy.

The communists' troubles were compounded by yesterday's announcement that its No. 2 official, deputy chairman Wolfgang Berghofer, had abandoned the party with an "urgent demand" for breakup of the once-unipartisan political force.

Berghofer's resignation coincided with ousted East German leader Egon Krenz' expulsion from the party. Berghofer, 46, is widely reported as interested in moving to the Social Democrats, although his resignation statement made no mention of that. Thirty-nine other members also resigned along with Berghofer.

Modrow today also announced the resignation of communist Finance Minister Uta Nickel, the target of a criminal probe into alleged financial irregularities. Ms Nickel has denied any wrongdoing.

The Hamburg-based *Bild* newspaper, in contending a coup was in the works, said a general strike could be used as the pretext for an armed takeover. *Bild* cited unidentified opposition sources.

"I must decisively reject as provocation a report in today's *Bild* newspaper," Modrow told communists, opposition leaders and others attending the ninth round of political negotiations.

Modrow also said he was convinced there were no plans for an opposition-led general strike, which *Bild* claimed was being prepared if the government does not make key concessions.

Wolfgang Schnur, a top official of the opposition Demokratische Aufbruch movement, called the *Bild* report a "horror story."

New Forum delegate Ingrid Koeppel said her group did not provide the newspaper with the information and it did not plan a general strike.

"However, we have said we accept a general strike as a means of last resort," Ms Koeppel said.

East Germany will close one sixth of its diplomatic missions this year because it cannot afford them, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Foreign Minister Oskar Fischer told round-table talks between government and opposition that 18 embassies and consulates would close, 16 of them in the Third World.

The planned closures will affect only states with which East Germany has only very limited diplomatic relations," Fischer's deputy Heinz-Dieter Winter told the East German daily *Neue Zeit*.

**Romanian princesses return**

BUCHAREST, Jan 22, (AP): Two daughters of exiled King Michael of Romania said yesterday they felt they had come home, though they were seeing Romania for the first time.

Princesses Margarita, 40, and Sophie, 32, were met at the airport on Thursday by a group of Romanians shouting "Long live the king."

"I didn't know what to expect. ... We were Romanians coming home—that's the one thing that struck me," Margarita said at a news conference yesterday.

"I remember seeing the country covered in snow from the airplane window ... and there was the realisation that at last we'd come home," Sophie said.

King Michael, who was forced into exile by Romania's communist government in 1947, has been mentioned as a possible leader again following last month's execution of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

But he is virtually unknown to many young Romanians, who were at the forefront of the revolution that toppled

**Eighty soldiers shot Ceausescu**

PARIS, Jan 22, (Reuters): Romanian soldiers were so keen to execute dictator Nicolae Ceausescu that all 80 on firing squad duty started shooting after their officer asked only five to step forward, a leading Romanian official was quoted as saying today.

Silviu Brucan also told the French daily *Le Figaro* that the bodies of Ceausescu and his wife Elena, executed at the same time, were found to have 120 bullet wounds.

"The officer in charge of the firing squad asked

five soldiers to step forward and prepare to shoot. The squad was made up of 80 men," Brucan said.

Brucan, a member of the 11-strong executive committee of Romania's ruling National Salvation Front, said the Christmas Day executions went ahead after three hours of debate over the military, political and legal aspects of the trial.

The summary trial took place as battles still raged around Bucharest between Securitate troops loyal to Ceausescu and army soldiers rallying to the popular revolution.

Sophie described her 67-year-old father as "an amputated soul." Margarita said his main concern now is to serve the people, whether by helping to obtain scalps for a local hospital or mobilizing international support for Romania's long-term development.

"There's been a huge explosion in this country and the hills have to be put together again," she said. "It's very important that a democratic debate starts."

Ceausescu, and is not considered a serious contender for power.

"We have not come here in any bid to restore the monarchy—I want that to be absolutely clear," Margarita said.

Michael has five daughters, all born in exile.

When a reporter asked whether the princesses had come to Romania to reclaim the king's property, which was confiscated by the communists, Margarita bristled.

"My father ... is a democrat, a patriot. How can you say I want property back?" she said.

**4 face genocide charge in Romania**

BUCHAREST, Jan 22, (Reuters): The first of the communist leaders who helped keep deposed Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu in power for 24 years are to be charged with complicity in genocide.

The four top officials named by the prosecutor general are Tudor Postolache, who headed the loaded Securitate secret police, Emil Bobu, his right-hand man, Ion Diacon, a former deputy prime minister, and Maneca Maneac, a vice-president.

After the interim government revised a decree introducing the death penalty for Ceausescu's collaborators, the accused know they will be spared execution, but they still face extended sentences in prison with hard labour.

The death penalty was abolished on Jan 1, only days after Ceausescu and his wife Elena, the first deputy prime minister, were shot after a summary trial.

Under Romanian law the four accused have a minimum three days to study the charges before their first court appearance. Prosecutor-General Gheorghe Robu told Reuters the trials would not begin before next Friday.

The National Salvation Front (NSF) government accuses the former regime of killing up to 10,000 people in its desperate fight to retain power.

Although this figure is increasingly disputed, responsibility for the deaths of the regime's opponents forms the basis of the charges against the four.

But in the Western city of Timisoara, where the anti-Ceausescu uprising began on Dec 17, the exact toll of victims is now in question.

First reports said up to 4,000 people might have been killed there by the Securitate secret police.

But Radu Motica, the new chief of police appointed by the NSF in Timisoara, has said the confirmed figure appeared to be little more than 100.

His remarks have provoked a fierce and sporadic street protests among local people for whom the martyrdom of the city's residents has become a revolutionary article of faith.

Students gathered in central Bucharest yesterday to demand an end to compulsory politics classes and to mourn those who died in last month's uprising against Ceausescu.

"Down with communism" and "down with the Securitate," chanted the students.

One banner read "down with the new censorship," a reference to alleged domination of the new media by the National Salvation Front government which now runs the country.

The demonstrations was organized by the newly formed League of Students, which aims to revitalise Romanian education after more than 40 years of communist authoritarianism.

The students held a one-minute silence to mourn those who died in the anti-Ceausescu uprising in late December.



A Mongolian flag flies over thousands of protesters at Ulan Bator. (Reuters wirephoto)



Under a portrait of Karl Marx, Mongolian Democratic Union leaders discuss their plans on ending one-party communist rule

**5,000 take to the streets**

**Mongolians defy ban**

BEIJING, Jan 22, (AP): Mongolian reformers defied a ban on unauthorized demonstrations and took to the streets of the capital for the second straight weekend, in a rally that drew 5,000 people, a Western source said today.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police made no attempt to break up the rally in the central square of Ulan Bator despite the ban on street gatherings imposed last Thursday.

The rally, organised by the Mongolian Democratic Union, lasted nearly two hours in temperatures hovering around -23 Celsius (-9 Fahrenheit), said the source, who came to Beijing today from Ulan Bator.

The union, which claims 70,000 supporters, has presented the first open organised opposition to a government ruled by the Communist Party since 1921, longer than any other country outside Mongolia's patron state, the Soviet Union.

The group organised two small demonstrations in December and another on Jan 14 that drew about 5,000 people. It had official permission for all three of those gatherings.

So far, both sides appear to be trying to avoid a confrontation, although the government's ban on demonstrations and the group's defiance of the ban may have hardened their adversarial positions.

At yesterday's demonstration, people carried banners reading "if people are rich, the Mongolian nation will be rich," and calling for an end to special privileges for officials.

One banner written in English read, "We support perestroika and glasnost," the Soviet words for economic reform and opening.

Another group calling itself the Democratic Socialist Movement and saying it was more radical than the MDU passed out fliers calling for a free press, a multiparty political system, adherence to the

UN declaration on human rights, more economic independence and protection of the national culture.

Mongolia's economy and culture long have been dominated by the Soviet Union, to the extent that the Russian Cyrillic alphabet was officially adopted in 1946 and the traditional Mongolian script banned until about five years ago.

Many of Mongolia's two million people, dispersed across grasslands the size of western Europe, still have deep links to their herdsman traditions, and what little industry the nation has was developed almost entirely with Soviet or East European aid.

The leader of the MDU, Sanjaasuren Zorig, speaking at a news conference after the rally, did not rule out confrontation with the government but said his group puts "great hopes on the sober minds" of government leaders.

He said his group regards itself as a guarantor for developing and deepening democracy in Mongolia and that it stands for a multiparty political system.

Zorig blamed Mongolia's low level of economic development on central controls over the economy and state ownership of property.

There also is growing nationalism, diplomats said. Among movement demands have been the removal of two statues in Ulan Bator of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin — one has already been pulled down — and a reappraisal of the 13th century warrior ruler Genghis Khan.

"Genghis Khan was made a bad guy under the Soviets," a diplomat said. "Now the academics and the newspapers are rehabilitating him, and they want it to be official."

The government response has been moderate. Communist Party officials met last week with Democratic Union leaders and reportedly have agreed to further talks.

**Nato is worried**

**Clearing way for June summit**

**Start talks begin**

GENEVA, Jan 22, (Reuters): Far from voicing jubilation and triumph, Nato is worried about the growing demands in Eastern Europe for Soviet troops to go home.

"It could be bad news for us if the Soviets get kicked out of Eastern Europe unceremoniously,"

said one official at the alliance's Brussels headquarters, who added that not to be identified.

"That now looks a distinct possibility."

A hasty withdrawal by Moscow, under pressure from people in its once-submissive Warsaw Pact allies, could push the orderly process of arms control off the rails, Nato diplomats say.

It could destroy any remaining coherence that the Warsaw Pact has, depriving the West of a stable negotiating partner.

But fears are also being voiced

within the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) that if Soviet forces go home quickly, the Americans may be asked to do the same.

If the Soviets agree to go

quietly, it will be much harder for

us to convince people in the West that US troops should stay," said one diplomat.

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But in an interview last week

Nato's supreme allied commander in Europe, US General John Galvin, voiced the alliance's

strong opposition to making any

reciprocal unilateral cuts.

He said force reductions should occur only under "n" treaty signed on the dotted line, not reversible, (and) verifiable."

In similar spirit, Nato officials from East German Communist Party leader Gregor Gysi earlier this month for the withdrawal of foreign troops stationed in the two German states — the frontline for both military blocs.

Nato is keen to avoid bilateral or unilateral agreements outside the framework of 23-nation Vienna talks on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE), which the West hopes to complete by the end of the year.

**Havel seeks Soviet, US troops removal**

WASHINGTON, Jan 21, (Reuters): Czechoslovakia's President Vaclav Havel will visit Moscow and Washington in the next few weeks to press for Soviet and US troop withdrawals from Europe, the Washington Post reported yesterday.

In an interview with the Post, Havel declined to disclose details of what he called a complex of disarmament initiatives that he planned to put before the superpowers.

**Turkey offers medical help****Yilmaz meets Soviet ambassador**

ANKARA, Jan 22, (Reuters): Turkey has told the Soviet Union it is ready to send medical aid to Azerbaijan where at least 62 people have died in clashes between nationalists and Soviet troops in Baku, a senior official said today.

The offer concerns solely medical aid. No other form of aid has been considered, the Foreign Ministry official told Reuters.

"It was made to the Soviet ambassador in Ankara at a late Sunday meeting requested by Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz to receive information on the situation in Baku," the official who declined to be named said.

"There has been no reply to the offer and Turkey has had no separate contacts with Azerbaijani authorities," he said.

The meeting with Soviet envoy Albert Cherniakov was the second sought by Yilmaz on the issue last week.

The Azerbaijani autonomous region of Nakhichevan,

# Burglaries on the rise in Kuwait City

## Shop owners demand more protection

**ROBBERIES** in the recent past have taken alarming proportions and the scale of incidents have involved jewellery shops, co-operative societies, banks, money exchange shops and even individuals have been mugged.

In their bid to decamp with their loot, burglars have resorted to state-of-the-art tools, which include oxy-acetylene torches, safe cracking equipment and master keys. There have been instances where in failing with these tools, burglars have resorted to decamping with the safe itself which weighed 300 kilograms.

Some shop owners have installed expensive alarm devices, others closed-circuit television and others have employed security guards — all costing them financial overheads. These extra financial costs have then to be added to the cost of goods which have to be borne by customers.

There has been a heightened demand from these owners for increasing security measures to prevent such crimes from occurring.

### Zakat House to expand disbursement of charity

THE KUWAIT Zakat House will expand its scope of dispensing Zakat money in a bid to step up its contribution to solving social problems. Abdul Qader Al Ojail, acting director-general of the house said and added that it aims at extending financial aid to people who had not previously applied for aid.

The house also generate and fund new projects to increase the number of beneficiaries. Ojail said in an interview with a local

newspaper that the decade of the nineties will witness the implementation of charity-funded projects to fulfil the aspirations of the nation based on a well-studied plan to meet the interim objectives of the decade, the official said.

#### Collection

added that applicants will be able to collect their aid on the same date of submitting their applications. It will be made possible by the computer network and utilizing operations at all

The house will pay maximum attention to providing aid to the beneficiaries by training them in sewing, design-making and other productive artistic business which would be tailored to make them productive and self-reliant.

Ojail said that the house was funding scientific studies aimed at determining the amount of money collected upon the application of the Zakat Law and would also seek to collect views from capitalists.

The house will also operate a new service under which Zakat money will be collected from all different locations in the country on a 24-hour basis. The house will release a special guide on Zakat calculation while promoting the role of the media in better advertising its various charity-funded and social aid projects.

### Appointment of pharmacists to be regulated

THE Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi is reportedly considering a new set of regulations for the appointment of pharmacists at the ministry.

A local daily has reported that there is considerable intention to confine the appointed pharmacists to highly-qualified and long-term licensed pharmacists, but non-pharmacists will take interim training.

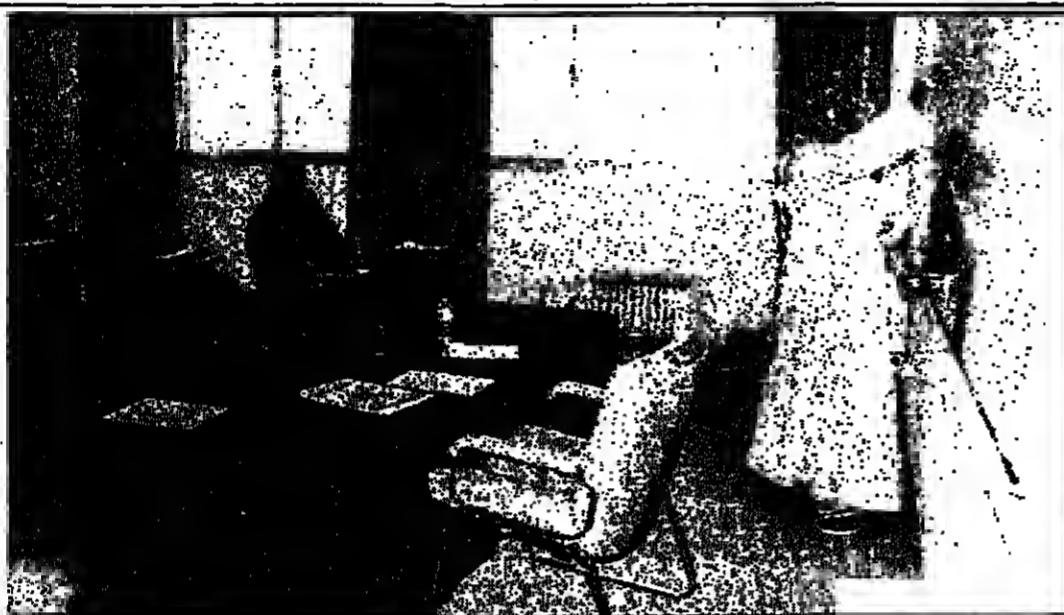
According to senior official at the ministry, the appointment of pharmacists would be reconsidered under the item on remunerations adding that the current financial allocations would be moderated and linked to the cost training system whereby an increase from KD 75 to KD 150 would be made.

#### Condition

The official said that a new set of regulations had been laid down for the appointment of fresh pharmacists at hospitals and medical centre, which among other things, pharmacists would have to have been born in Kuwait where they completed their various stages, and that their fathers must have spent at least 15 years in the ministry or 25 years at a government agency.

He pointed out that no appointment of new pharmacists was currently possible for the lack of vacant grades, which would primarily accorded to duly-qualified and long-experienced pharmacists once available.

When an individual computer becomes infected by a virus, the simplest corrective method is to



**PR course for police officers**

The third training course on public relations at the Police Officers Training Institute is being attended by 25 officers of different ranks with one from Kuwait's Ministry of Defence, one from Oman and three from Yemen Arab Republic.

The curriculum of the course focuses on how to present TV and Radio interviews, the preparation of programmes, handling public opinion polls and data analysis.

### Computer virus

## Gulf governments and businesses under threat

By John Lesniowski

COMPUTER viruses are news in the Gulf. The 'Brain', 'Jerusalem', 'Ping Pong Ball', the 'Aids Information Disk' and other viruses have invaded public and private computer systems. What are computer viruses, how do they work and how does one get rid of them. There are three types of miniature computer programmes which are called viruses: a bomb, a trojan horse or a worm. Experts disagree on exact terminology, but they do agree on the fact that viruses either act immediately or have a delayed action.

The first type is a bomb. A bomb acts immediately after entering the computer system. The programme must have been previously copied onto the floppy or hard disk as a COM, EXE or BAT file. When the computer is switched on, the infected disk loads the bomb into RAM and activates it. Once activated, it executes instructions which range from changing file contents, erasing all files, reformating disks, changing CMOS memory, or displaying on the monitor little 'Pac-Man' creatures or bouncing balls.

The second type is a trojan horse. The trojan horse enters the computer in the same manner of a bomb. However, it executes different instructions. Unlike a bomb which works immediately, a trojan horse is a delayed action programme. It is loaded into RAM as a TRS (Terminate and Stay Resident) utility. It stays in the background like 'Sidekick' or other popular 'hot key' utilities.

Only after a specified action occurs does the trojan horse activate itself. That action could be the occurrence of a selected date, or a specified sequence of key strokes, or the re-booting of the computer a certain number of times. Its destructive activities are very similar to a bomb's; it either corrupts files or hinders operation of the computer.

The third type of virus is a worm. It is loaded into RAM like a trojan horse and is activated by a delayed action. A worm normally does not destroy files, instead it slows down the computer's operation. A typical worm will cause the computer to relatively copy a file until the hard disk is too full to efficiently operate. Or, it will issue instructions to continuously check and re-check the addition of a number, the spelling of a word, or the availability of a file on the hard disk. A properly executed worm will gradually slow down a computer until it is no longer operable. At that point the hard disk must be formatted, losing most data.

A bomb, a trojan horse or a worm that cannot replicate itself is not a virus; that is, it will not spread to other computers by itself. A true virus can automatically copy itself onto floppy and hard disks and over modems, thus infecting any computer with which it comes in contact.

Few viruses begin as deliberate attempts to destroy computers or databases. Many viruses start as jokes or experiments. In 1988 an experimental virus at Internet in the US went out of control and in only a few days it had replicated itself in over 60,000 computers around the world. Many of Internet's customers, including the US Department of Defense immediately stopped using Internet's service. The reputed cost of Internet for this 'experiment' was a loss of over \$100 million.

Computers only become infected with viruses when someone unknowingly or purposely loads a programme which contains the virus code. Most viruses are spread on floppy disks, usually floppy disks which contain pirated software. Very few viruses are spread on original software or through modems.

The best advice for computer users, whether a stand-alone or network user, to avoid contracting a virus, by not using pirated software, by controlling access to your computers, and by creating and enforcing anti-virus procedures. And perhaps most important, just as humans must consult with professionals when a virus is contracted, so must a company or an agency turn to trained professionals when a computer virus is contracted.

A

local daily interviewed a number of victims to obtain a first hand report of such burglaries.

Adnan Jabri, owner of a restaurant at Jahra Street said that on the morning of Nov 21, last year, he opened his shop as usual and was surprised to find it in disarray and the safe box missing. He informed the police that he recalled three youths who had visited the restaurant three days prior to the incident. He said they were acting in a suspicious manner.

He claimed that the safe contained KD 1000 and a number of documents.

Security men concluded that the thieves had entered through a back door of the restaurant.

#### Fortune

Nazaret Yaqoob, the owner of a jewellery and gold shop in Jahra Street said that his shop was recently robbed of valuable estimated at KD40,000 — his entire fortune. He said that security personnel will be successful in apprehending the culprits and recovering his stolen items.

Hussain Faraj, the owner of a money exchange shop at Duaij Souq said that his shop was robbed two months ago. He said that the thieves broke through the main building entrance and burgled ten shops on the same night.

He said that due to the thickness of the steel vault, the thieves could not decamp with the main loot, but stole some foreign currency which was on display. One of the security guards working at the building tried to chase the robbers, but could not apprehend them due to old age.

After the robbery he said, he has installed security alarms and steel doors.

After short period of time from the incident involving the burglary of his shop, 16 other shops were robbed in the adjacent building.

He added that all shop owners are now thinking of banding together and ordering private security guards.

**Cutting through**

Mehyar Hussain Ali, the owner of a jewellery shop said that one morning when he opened his shop, he was aghast to see

that the safe was practically burnt. Security forces investigating said the robbers had used oxy-acetylene torches to cut through the safe but had failed. The thieves were subsequently arrested while trying to burglarise another shop.

Sadeq Maafri, the owner of a jewellery shop states that his shop is located at a commercial complex which contains more than 40 similar shops which are all insured against robbery and therefore they are forced to put all of their jewellery inside their treasury boxes before leaving every night.

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# Amir's address: Dialogue with people

## Shoura best solution for concern

KUWAIT, Jan 22. (Kuna): A Kuwaiti magazine said that the relationship between the ruler and the people of Kuwait is a unique phenomenon based on a balanced inherited relationship.

Ali Yaqzha, in a commentary on the Saturday speech of His Highness the Amir, said in its new issue that "this relationship has been passed to us not only through the constitution but also by our forefathers."

## Privatisation will affect national cadres: Jumain

### Kuwaitisation process imperative

A PROPOSAL recommending the transfer of some government establishments and departments to the private sector should not be supported, an ex-official of the Ministry of Communications said.

Transferring these services and utilities to the private sector will reduce work opportunities for national cadres and consequently not be conducive to redressing the imbalance in the population or the ongoing Kuwaitisation process, Khaled Al Jumain, ex-minister of communications said.

Commenting on the negative aspects specifically, he said that it is well known that the private sector usually employ cheap labour which is procured by importing foreign workers. Such mass-employment is not in favour of the Kuwaitisation process nor does it provide the opportunity of training Kuwaiti cadres.

"With the present pace of development of high-technology, Kuwait could be better advised to concentrate on training of its Kuwaiti manpower in the use of these modern techniques to offset the economic costs," the official said.

**Misuse**

Speaking on other issues of telecommunications, Jumain pointed out that the ministry of communications is adversely affected through the misuse of telephone facilities. These relate to citizens unduly calling up the 101 information service when they could well use the telephone directory. Others engage in use-

less chatter during peak hours, depriving genuine users of obtaining lines. In extreme cases, telephone instruments have been known to be vandalised causing not only monetary losses, but undue inconvenience to subscribers and the department.

#### Tapping

Replies to a query if telephone conversations were tapped, the ex-official said that some operators working in the central monitor have been known to "eaves-drop" on personal calls of subscribers. However, he said these cases have been strictly dealt with. He recommended that all such future cases be referred to judicial authorities. He stressed that phones can only be tapped when they have been officially sanctioned by relevant authorities.

Commenting on the problems that are seen as hindering the services of the ministry, Jumain said that these relate to inadequate training, non-recognition of efficient services, no proper systems for grading the efficiency of employees and the paucity of funds to undertake high-level training programmes.

In relation to the issue of prohibited antennas used by some citizens to receive transmission of foreign satellites or television, he said that all telecommunication equipment should be licensed by the ministry prior to being imported to Kuwait. All such licensed equipment are further subject to periodical checks to ensure that they are complying with the terms and stipulations of the licence.

On the issue of complaints of telephone subscribers being overcharged, the official said that all such complaints are thoroughly scrutinised.

Meanwhile, another magazine "Al Majalis" said today Kuwait has never known but direct and clear dialogue between the leaders and the people of Kuwait.

It contended that Shoura is the perfect form for reaching the best solution in all concerns of Kuwait and the Kuwaiti people.

Shoura has proved to be the most responsive to the ambitions of the leadership and the people because its strength is derived from the teachings of our sacred religion.

The magazine emphasised that popular participation in running the affairs of the country is welcomed but it should not be narrowed down to a few segments of the society.

## Saudis allocate more oil for arms

NICOSIA, Jan 22. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia is likely to allocate more proceeds from the sale of its crude to help cover payments in a multi-billion-sterling British military contract, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said today.

The authoritative oil newsletter said a further 100,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude would be added to the present 400,000 BPD earmarked to service the kingdom's \$23 billion Al Yamamah contract with British Aerospace.

The additional proceeds would be taken from crude marketed by Saudi Aramco rather than channelled through Shell and British Petroleum like the existing allocation, the newsletter — which is usually well-informed about Saudi affairs — reported.

Saudi Arabia last month said it was paying on time all its financial commitments with regard to the contract.

Press reports said earlier Riyadh was having difficulty in meeting payments to British Aerospace because the price of crude has fallen sharply since the contract was first signed in 1985.

#### Discovery

"MEES" further added that a newly-discovered Saudi oilfield yielding high quality, light crude could have recoverable reserves of at least 30 billion barrels.

"The feeling in senior Saudi oil circles is that the three discoveries made so far ... may be part of a single giant oilfield with recoverable reserves conservatively estimated at 30 billion barrels," the authoritative oil newsletter said.

Saudi Arabia's major oil producer Saudi Aramco on January 7 announced it had discovered a new oilfield in central Saudi Arabia yielding a low-sulphur crude.

A company statement said a well drilled 123 km (77 miles) southeast of Riyadh at Al Ragheeb flowed at a rate of 3,650 barrels per day (BPD) with crude and condensates on January 1.

Further drilling was planned to investigate the prospects, MEES said.

## Fire at school cancels exams

By Diana Abou Haldeh  
Arab Times staff

SOME students at Abdullah Al Asous Secondary School will have to take finals again after a fire destroyed their test papers yesterday.

A teacher discovered the fire early in the morning when he saw smoke coming out of the control room where all test papers are kept. He called the fire department and the flames were contained quickly.

"Only students of the science section of the fourth secondary class will have to take the exams again," said Abdul Aziz Al Khodari, the school's principal.

He added that 123 students will take the exams during the period from Feb 14 to 20. Al Khodari asked the students to make use of the spring break period to get ready for the exams promising them that the second exams, which are also set by the Ministry of Education, are going to be at the same level as the previous ones.

The principal does not believe the fire was deliberately set by a student. "Our students are excellent in their conduct and studies," he said.

## China to launch Arabsat

Takeoff end 1991

BEIJING, Jan 22. (AP):

China's Great Wall Foundation has been chosen to launch an Arab communications satellite, the official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday.

Xinhua said China's bid

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Morocco, Iraq, Syria and Jordan.

Arabsat, as it is also known, already has two satellites in orbit.

The satellite will be launched at the end of 1991 for the Arab Organisation for Satellite Communications, a network that groups Oman,

group's Jordan office.

Great Wall is China's commercial satellite-launching venture. It has negotiated several launches in recent years but none has taken off.

In December, US President George Bush gave approval for it to launch three US-made satellites over the next two years for Hong Kong and Australian owners.

## Peace pipeline to cost \$21.5b

KUWAIT, Jan 22. (Kuna): Turkish Ambassador to Kuwait Guner Oztek has announced that the preliminary estimates indicate that the proposed "Peace Pipeline" project to provide Kuwait and other Arab and Arabian Gulf countries with water will cost \$21.5 million.

In interviews with two Kuwaiti dailies Oztek expected the Peace Pipeline to supply Kuwait with around 600 thousand cubic metres daily with a cost price of 25 fils for a thousand gallons.

The ambassador pointed out to two local Arabic newspapers that the project, which is still under study, will be transferring water from the Seyhan and Ceyhan rivers, whose water flow is 39.17 million cubic metres daily, by extending a pipeline that is divided into two routes.

The length of the western division is 2650 kilometres will cross Syrian land over Aleppo, Homs and Damascus towards the Jordanian border, Amman and then to Tabuk in Saudi Arabia, Al Madinah, Jeddah and ending in Makkah, he said.

The Gulf line, whose length is 3900 kilometres, will branch from the western pipeline in the Syrian city of Hamza, over the Jordanian hills towards the Iraqi borders, crossing the petroleum tapine and reaching the Arabian Gulf coast through the Gulf countries.

Oztek added that the implementation period of this project would last from 8 to 10 years most of the concerned parties in this project expressed their content when presented with the project because of the great need for fresh water in the area, according to the ambassador.

The water flow in the western line will reach around 3.5 million cubic metres daily whereas the Gulf line will have a water flow of 2.5 million cubic metres daily, explained the ambassador.

On the possibility of using the Seyhan and the Ceyhan rivers in filling the Ataturk Dam instead of cutting off the Euphrates river flow to Syria and Iraq, Oztek affirmed the technical impossibility of accomplishing it because of the great distance between the dam and the two rivers which is around 1000 kilometres and the geographical conditions which will make it more costly.

He clarified that the Ataturk Dam is located exactly on the Euphrates river which makes it ideal for filling it.

Oztek ruled out that Israel had a hand in the project and emphatically denied media news that Iraq had threatened to cut oil supplies to Turkey if the latter went ahead with its plan to fill the Ataturk Dam.

The ambassador stressed the Turkish decision to implement the Ataturk project by saying that Turkey had previously informed Iraq and Syria on this technical matter.

Turkey was always in the service of its neighbours during the time of drought when the natural flow of the Euphrates River was 50 cubic metres a second and Turkey kept its commitment towards Iraq and Syria of 500 cubic metre a second by providing them with water reserves in the Turkish-Karakaya and Kehao Dams, he underlined.

**Mediation**

KUWAIT, Jan 22. (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber said today that Kuwait will hold contacts with the Turkish government, in an effort to resolve the dispute which arose between Baghdad and Ankara over the latter's cutting of the Euphrates waters for 30 days to fill the Ataturk Dam.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters that he received a verbal message in this regard from his Iraqi opposite number Tariq Aziz, conveyed by Iraqi Ambassador to Kuwait Assem Yaqoub Yousef.

Sheikh Sabah declined to disclose the nature of these contacts nor the level at which they will take place.



Pakistan People's Club sub-committee

Pakistan People's Club, Kuwait, formed a sub-committee of the club at Sulalib on Jari 11. Mohammed Yusuf Gulzar was nominated as patron while Rana Mohammed Hussein Fouji as its president. Hajj Afzal Noor, president of the club, patronised the meeting. The picture shows office-bearers of the new branch.

## Khalaf calls for military operations outside Israel

KUWAIT, Jan 22. (AP): Salah Khalaf, a top aide of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, has declared the Middle East peacekeeping process deadlocked and called for military operations against Israel outside the occupied territories.

His statements at a press conference in Kuwait late Sunday were made only a few hours after Arafat was quoted in neighbouring Oman as affirming the continued adherence to the peace process by the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

"We are keen to pursue our peace directive, for it is we who choose the type of battle and the type of fighting," the Omani newspaper Al Watan quoted Arafat as saying during his weekend visit to Muscat for talks with Sultan Qaboos.

Khalaf, second in command to Arafat in the mainstream Fatah guerrilla group under the PLO umbrella, declared, "the Middle East peace efforts have reached a stalemate ... the PLO now has no alternative but to escalate armed struggle (against Israel) outside the occupied territories in support of the uprising."

The PLO, committed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, had pledged in recent years to limit its operations to military targets within the Israeli-occupied territories it considers its own, the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

An uprising by the 1.7 million inhabitants against the occupation forces started in December 1987. The PLO started a peace initiative in 1988 that included recognising the state of Israel and renouncing terrorist acts against Israeli targets. The PLO has

always insisted that it could continue legitimate acts of resistance against a force occupying their land.

US Secretary of State James Baker III has arranged for a meeting of Israeli and Egyptian foreign ministers to work out a compromise. Egypt is the only Arab country that has a peace treaty with Israel and is a conduit for the PLO stance.

Khalaf reiterated charges that the American-Israeli-Egyptian meeting "has the aim of cancelling the PLO because it (PLO) seeks to choose the Palestinians for direct talks with Israel," said Khalaf at the press conference.

Khalaf, known also as Abu Iyad, also said, "The United States insists that Egypt be the channel of the solution. Those Arabs who told us that the PLO's recognition of the UN Security Council Resolution 242 will lead to a solution were mistaken," Khalaf said.

Resolution 242, first passed after the 1967 middle east war, remains the basis for an Arab-Israeli settlement. Until the recent peace initiative, the PLO had rejected the resolution because it would have meant implicit recognition of Israel.

"The PLO has done all that Arab and non-Arab states advised it to do, but all PLO peace overtures have so far been met with intransigence on the part of Israel and the United States," Khalaf complained.

The Palestinian leader warned that Israel might impose a new war on the Arabs and called for the revival of the so-called eastern front which would group Jordan, Iraq and Syria.



Indian food festival opens

An Indian Food Festival was inaugurated at Al Salam Hotel by First Secretary Counsellor Mr Mukhlis. A fine display of Indian products like tea, coffee, spices, rice by noted companies adorned the hall. The El Bendir Coffee Shop was brimming with festivity, beautifully created with Indian classical dances and music by Ustad Edwin Das, Smt Laxmi and others. A big screen depicted India's wildlife, industry and culture through video cassettes. An equally colourful Indian buffet was laid out in the form of regional Indian cuisine. HE Budhiraja, the ambassador of India will grace the occasion on Jan 25 and the event will conclude on Jan 26, the Republic Day of India.

## EDITORIALS

**ARAB TIMES****Thought for today**

Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish—don't overdo it—Confucius, Chinese philosopher (555 BC - 479 BC)

**OPINION****Let us start the dialogue**

THE opinion of the state about the Monday meetings demanding resumption of parliamentary life has been addressed by the highest authorities in the land—H.H. the Amir and H.H. the Crown Prince and Premier.

To place on record the authorities' understandings, they runs as follows: issues should be discussed in the age-old Kuwaiti tradition in wisdom and coolness—particularly when these issues relate to matters between the government and a number of citizens.

The methods of killing, assassination, imprisonment, conspiracies and liquidation of opponents, has never been used by our government. Wisdom and amicable solutions have remained the way. Everything can be discussed and the opinion which is the most logical and which gains the support of the majority always wins.

The demands of citizens from the state, which has overcome many difficulties in the past, restrain the state's top priority. Yes, we are proud of the peculiarity that Kuwait enjoys among countries in this region. It's Kuwait alone in the Gulf where people enjoy a high degree of relative freedom and where people are free to say everything without fear of reprisal.

Yes, we certainly are for popular participation, but the question remains—in what manner should this participation be brought about? As long as the door of dialogue and discussion has been opened, a starting point should be to cool passions and go to the meeting hall with good and honest intentions.

We have learnt from world events that any issue dealt with stubbornness, usually ends in the unknown. Let the start be an unconditional dialogue to avoid putting a spoke in the wheel and thus blocking the effort.

Let us enter the open door and listen to clarifications of the government which could possibly hold more and cannot be said in public, but can be told to any citizen who cares for the country, its future, stability and prosperity.

Let us accept the call of the Amir and Crown Prince for dialogue—an open dialogue without preconditions to know the type and formula of the popular participation that the government is thinking of.

We can express our views of what form it should take whilst considering world events to ensure that our country moves towards stability, which leads to prosperity, the prime demand of the Kuwaiti citizen.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

1570—Earl of Moray, Regent of Scotland, is assassinated.  
1631—France, by treaty of Barwalde, undertakes to subsidise Sweden.  
1668—England and Holland sign alliance of The Hague.  
1799—French troops capture Italian city of Naples.  
1849—Prussia suggests German union without Austria.  
1878—Britain's cabinet sends fleet to Constantinople at Sultan Abdul-Hamid II's request.  
1913—Nazim Pasha is murdered in Turkish Coup, and Shevket Pasha forms ministry.  
1920—Holland refuses to surrender Germany's former Kaiser William II to allies for punishment as World War I criminal.  
1937—Seventeen communist leaders confess in Moscow that they conspired with Leon Trotsky to undermine Soviet regime of Joseph Stalin.  
1945—Soviet forces reach Oder River in World War II.  
1964—Indonesia and Malaysia agree to ceasefire in their undeclared border war.  
1968—North Korea seizes US Navy ship Pueblo and holds crew as spies.  
1973—US President Richard Nixon announces that accord has been reached in Vietnam war.  
1986—Rival black tribes fight each other in South Africa's rural Natal Province, leaving at least 30 dead and 40 wounded.  
1989—Civilian commandos and army troops backed by tanks battle an infantry base on outskirts of Buenos Aires in Argentina.

**Quote me**

**6** "The events of the past few days have been the most difficult of my life, more difficult than fighting my way out of poverty as a black youth, born in the segregated deep south, more difficult than the fear and hatred I faced as a civil rights leader in 1960s, more difficult than I could have imagined. Because this time I've come face to face with my deepest human frailties. I've had to look my human weaknesses straight in the eye, had to realise that I've spent so much time caring about and worrying about and doing for others, I've not worried about or cared enough for myself." — Mayor Marion Barry of Washington, DC after being charged with drug abuse.

"In this day and age there's no room for the weak or for dwarf states. No one can make his way in the world unless he's strong." — Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi on arrival in Tunis for a regional summit.

"It goes without saying that freedom to express varying opinions is a pillar of democracy, and respect for minority opinions is a democratic principle." — Nagasaki Shimbu in an editorial on the shooting of Nagasaki mayor.

"The revolution will destroy anyone who stands in its way... and amputate those who betray the nation." — Military strongman General Omar Hassan Al Bashir of Sudan.

"These remarks will be published in the US and will end with damage that will be difficult to describe. The United States adapts itself to the world, but it certainly stays away from problems that seem hopeless. I hope the government of Israel will not succeed in convincing Washington that the region of the Middle East is hopeless." — A US senator on remarks made by Shamir about realizing Zionist aspirations.

"Those of us who suffer from serious medical disorders deeply regret DEA's refusal to acknowledge our needs, and we are asking the US Court of Appeals to review administrator Law's decision to deprive seriously ill patients of legal, medically supervised access to marijuana." — Robert Randall, head of the Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics suing the US Drug Enforcement Agency for refusal to reschedule marijuana for medical use.



Crowds of Azerbaijani activists block the advance of Soviet army tanks. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Military called in to restore calm****Gorby nips civil war in bud****Soviet empire crumbling**

MOSCOW, (AP): Mikhail S. Gorbachev sent soldiers crashing through barricades of buses and trucks to battle armed nationalists in Baku only after the threat of civil war and secession overcame his deep reluctance to use force.

In both foreign and internal affairs, the Soviet leader is trying to instill the supremacy of negotiation and law in a country more accustomed to the heavy hand that filled labour camps and unmarked graves and invaded Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan.

Mindful of the bloody precedents, Gorbachev tried to defuse the ancient Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict that resurfaced in February 1988 with decrees, discussions and appeals to common sense. Victims of the conflict, and the budding political opposition openly second-guess him, accusing Gorbachev of aggravating the problem with indecision.

**Necessary**

He ordered the military to shoot if necessary when he became convinced he had no alternative.

"It could go longer go on," a worn-looking Gorbachev told the nation in a television address.

"Instances of brutal violence, vandalism and the violation of laws have mounted in the country," he said. "The state is duty-bound to put an end to lawlessness and inhumanity, to resolutely curb criminal actions of extremists who have lost human face, who are prepared to take other people's lives for the sake of personal ambition, selfish interests and power."

Some soldiers were killed in the fighting, a somber Gorbachev said. "Grief came today into some houses. I convey to these families my most sincere condolences," he said.

The ethnic conflict and anger with Moscow's stand has led nationalists in both Azerbaijan and Armenia to demand full independence for their republics. But in Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, the political instability was accompanied by attacks that killed dozens of ethnic Armenians.

Gorbachev has staked his reforms on convincing the world that the Soviet Union believes consultation is better than confrontation. Domestically, he is removing Moscow's heavy hand in order to shift more responsibility to local authorities.

In raising the prestige and power of local authorities, he has assumed that they logically would follow his reform policies, and he has appeared startled and angry when they have not.

But in the past, the Soviet leader had sent in Interior Ministry soldiers only to guard vital installations in Armenia and Azerbaijan, and to end a bloody attack on minority Meskhetian Turks in Uzbekistan that left about 100 people dead.

Once, when he was out of the country, violence was used against nationalist protesters in the other Caucasus republic, Georgia. The slaughter of 19 demonstrators by troops who wielded shovels because Gorbachev earlier had ordered them dis-

effective because nationalist movements, blooming under glasnost and perestroika and benefiting from last March's local elections—the first ever in which non-communists were permitted to run for office—have taken control of republican-level governments and infiltrated local-communist parties.

The traditional method of Moscow's control, through a network of royal regional parties, has been crooked by democratic reforms.

During his visit earlier in January to Lithuania, where the local Communist Party has broken with Moscow, bringing the tiny republic to the verge of secession, Gorbachev spoke of a new federation of Soviet states, one linked voluntarily by economic necessity and security needs, rather than a union forged in chains.

It is a theory Gorbachev has been talking about for at least three years and has yet to publicly flesh out with detail. Lithuanian nationalists, tired of hollow promises of more freedom, dismissed it as propaganda.

With economic performance lagging under Gorbachev's reforms and the emergence of a grass roots conservative Russian backlash against nationalist movements in other republics, there are fears that Moscow's tolerance level for dissidence may be dropping.

While the use of the Red Army to crush the rampaging Muslim mob in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku may have reassured Russian nationalists that Gorbachev is still willing to get tough to preserve the empire, it has given an anti-Soviet dimension to a problem where one never existed.

The current problem in Azerbaijan has its roots in a centuries-old

religious and land dispute between Muslim Azerbaijanis and Christian Armenians and not in any anti-Soviet or anti-colonial dispute.

Azerbaijan nationalists who have concentrated their efforts on fighting their old enemies, the Armenians, now have a new enemy, the Red Army, viewed as an occupation force on their territory.

Because the conflict over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, which erupted again in earnest two years ago, had no anti-Soviet bias, Moscow felt it could ignore the situation. That neglect allowed it to fester and finally spiral out of control, necessitating the use of the Red Army.

The forceful crushing of the Baku disturbances also has given neighboring Iran a window to stir up anti-Soviet sentiment in a region once controlled by Iran but divided by a treaty in 1828.

Most Azerbaijanis live in the Iranian half of the territory. Azerbaijanis on both sides of the border are Shiite Muslims.

The Red Army actions in Baku and the military reinforcement of the troubled border with Iran has angered Iran's volatile clerics and relations between Moscow and Tehran.

In a crisis Gorbachev had fervently hoped to avoid in an area where the communist red flag has been losing ground in the ideological battle to the fanatical Muslim green.

Gorbachev has gone out of his way to cultivate Iranians, at the very least, a passive neighbour now that the Gulf war with Iraq, the Soviet Union's long-standing regional ally, is virtually over and Soviet troops are out of Afghanistan.

It is a crisis that has raised the spectre of a possible error in the computer entries brought response of disbelief and in some cases derision. One can be forgiven to gain the impression that those gentlemen rule with absolute authority and impunity, free from any organisational checks and balances.

What happens between the judges' verdict and the computer gurgling out the final results, we guess, will remain an eternal mystery for ordinary mortals. We all sincerely hope, such confidence of the IAC authorities in their system and its ability to ensure fairness is fully justified.

However, an assumption of a system's absolute infallibility and erecting a Chinese wall of unaccountability on that assumption frightens those who believe in the organisation out just for who or what matter to day but for its fundamental qualities that will ensure that it outlasts us and our human frailties to serve many generations of the Indian community to come.

Mrs Tapati Ray,  
Dayan,

**Reply needed**

SIR: I have read the letter of Mr John Mandur which in my humble opinion was a very neat and beautiful exposure of the UMO officials. The letter never had any reference to individuals or any undignified remarks on the past doings of the UMO as an organisation. In this context, it was the organisational obligation of the UMO to give a reply either by repudiating its observations or admitting the mistakes, if any. Instead of that a series of letters had appeared which ultimately amounted to insult and derision from the main theme. Ironically enough, not a single UMO worker or single member of the organisation out of the two which make up the organisation had come out in the open to give a supporting hand to the badly mauled UMO officials. It appears that the executive body of the organisation has endorsed the criticism. Can this be denied?

One of the newspapers on Nov 27 carried a detailed report of the UMO's Bharat Mela opened by the Indian ambassador to Kuwait. As per the report, during the meeting it was announced that the chairman's wife had adopted two poor children. In this connection I would like to ask a few questions:

1. Is that report true?  
2. If true, then, a. What are the names of the two children? b. what are their ages? c. Are these children staying with their new mother or put up in an orphanage? d. What is the average cost for food, schooling? etc. e. Are they entitled for a share of the wealth of the adopter as in the case of any adopted child? Has UMO, being an organisation in a foreign land, complied to the legal requirements of such adoption?

Finally, if the UMO cannot give satisfactory answer to very simple questions pertaining to adoption then why did they make such public pronouncements with a view to misguide the whole Indian community in Kuwait and the 500,000 readers of the newspaper at large. The predicament of the UMO officials are self explanatory.

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**Asian communists cling to power**

HANOI, Vietnam (AP): As they nervously watch their Eastern European comrades tumble from power, Vietnam and other communist states in Asia have defiantly vowed to march down the socialist one-party road into the 21st century.

Unchallenged communist rule may be fast disappearing in Europe but it is making a stand in Vietnam, North Korea and China, where aging revolutionaries employed tanks and automatic rifles to crush last year's democracy movement.

Analysts point to several reasons why Asian communists have avoided the fate of their European counterparts so far.

The largest communist states in Asia were founded by home-grown nationalist leaders, such as Mao Zedong in China and Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam, who won legitimacy by defeating foreign aggressors.

European communist governments, however, owed their establishment and continued existence to Moscow, and found their positions untenable when President Mikhail Gorbachev decided the red army would no longer interfere militarily to prop them up.

Asian nations ruled by communists also lack Europe's democratic experience, but have a strong Confucian tradition, which emphasizes respect for authority.

Further, there is no organized domestic opposition to the Asian communist governments that would be comparable to the Solidarity trade union in Poland, which was a rallying point for dissent.

Many Vietnamese dissidents have left the country since the war ended in 1975 to escape "re-education camps" and other measures of repression. Several leading Chinese activists have fled overseas, gone underground or have been arrested since the June crackdown on the pro-democracy movement.

In the face of Europe's sweeping changes, Asia's communist nations have vigorously defended one-party socialism.

Chinese Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin said at the end of last year that party leadership was a "historical necessity... without centralism we will have extreme democracy and anarchy, and nothing can be accomplished."

Highly regimented North Korea reportedly recalled some of its students from Eastern Europe, presumably so they would not witness the changes that Pyongyang considers political heresy.

Kim Jong Il, the country's heir apparent, said the North Korean Communist Party "must on no account admit heterogeneous ideas into it. In party activity, the unity of action based on a single ideology can be realized through monolithic leadership."

Even tiny Laos chimed in, with its official radio opening the new year with a broadcast acknowledging that 1989 was "a nightmare" for socialism and calling on the people to rally around the ruling Communist Party leadership.

No Asian country has been more vocal than Vietnam in recent weeks in defence of communism.

"It's not that the tree is no good; but the ones who planted the tree are no good," said Maj Gen Trang Cong Man, permanent vice secretary-general of the Vietnam Journalists Association, in explaining the collapse of socialism in Europe.

Party chief Nguyen Van Linh said in his New Year's message that building socialism would be a goal for Vietnam in 1990. Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said the socialist system would emerge reinvigorated after overcoming the crisis it faces in Eastern Europe.

Still, the Asian nations clearly are troubled by the implications of the European revolution and are drawing lessons.

"We follow these events in Europe so we can distinguish what is good and what is bad," said Man. The sweeping changes show, for example, that Eastern Europeans wanted more democracy and higher production levels, he said.

Hanoi already realizes that if socialism is to survive it needs a dose of market-oriented reform to stimulate the economy, something that European communists failed to grasp.

After a decade of disastrous economic policies, Vietnam in 1986 introduced reforms such as deregulating prices, permitting private enterprise and vastly curtailing subsidies to state enterprises.

Although Vietnam remains one of the world's poorest nations, substantial gains in food production and in fighting inflation were made last year and consumerism is booming.

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**Letters to the editor****Children's competition**

SIR: In most things in life, (forgive the cliché), there are winners and losers. The recently concluded children's competition is perhaps no exception. No one would doubt that the primary winners were the children, whose enthusiasm and abilities any community would be proud to discover. If there is a second prize it must go to those dedicated people who conceived and made it happen. Hats off to them! Re-born Indian Arts Circle has blazed many trails already in its relatively short period of existence but the children's competition is the one whose impact will last to the furthest reaches of the development of the Indian community. Many young minds will be grateful to the years to come, for the early encouragement they received to discover their talents. Would it not be wonderful if there were no losers and no milestones?

Unfortunately it was not to be. If the children were the winners, the biggest loser was the quality of judging. While many of the distinguished ladies and gentlemen who sat on judgement could hold their own with the best and the ablest, the appalling judgement in many instances could only suggest an yawning gap between the able ones and their less endowed colleagues. Not many events were as exposed to public scrutiny as the painting. Some of the winning entries and their ranking, as one could see on the display boards on the prize distribution day, seriously destabilises one's confidence in his or her visual sense. Some judges may claim extra-artistic perception, but it is certainly not very convincing. One hates to think, how many excellent drawings fell victim to the anomalous judgement and did not even reach the display boards.

Judging over nine hundred pieces of artwork is not the easiest assignment and those who had to undertake it deserve great admiration. However, it is equally important to note that giving the wrong signals to the young talents, with minds at a highly impressionable age, through lack of mature judgement, is not an acceptable alternative to a thorough screening of the invitees to judges' seats. Another set of events that, in some instances, defied normal sense of understanding is the vocal music. Many without even the rudimentary understanding of the refinements of the art of music climbed to high reaches in the judges' estimation while some with obviously superior performance, fell by the wayside. Many people's understanding of Indian music will now need to undergo drastic reform. The saddest part of such mishaps is the disservice a few do to the enormous amount of work many others put in.

While success of the Indian Arts Circle has done more than anything else before it, to raise the Indian community's belief in itself and create a justifiable sense of pride that goes with it, it is not altogether surprising that a few of the inner sanctum of the committee supervising the competition have not yet realised that their pride has wandered into the realm of arrogance. Anyone who has tried to work the official grievance procedures of the competition (which did not seem to have any effective teeth) would testify to that.

## MIDEAST



Husseini points upward as he leaves jail, released on bail after three days of questioning by Israeli police over his alleged links with Arab uprising militants. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Name negotiators

### Uprising leaders call to PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 22. (Reuters): Underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising stressed today that the PLO must appoint Palestinian negotiators for peace talks with Israel.

The demand was contained in the latest leaflet of the unified national leadership of the 25-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

proclaims, "the leaflet said:

"We stress that no one from the occupied homeland will participate in a delegation nor carried and anti-Semitic by the PLO."

The nomination of Palestinian delegates has emerged as a key obstacle to US and Egyptian efforts to arrange preliminary Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo, exasperating Secretary of State James Baker.

The uprising leaders blasted the United States for giving Israel what they called "unending support ... whether by providing them with destructive weapons or by supporting them politically, economically and in public relations," they told a news conference in Moscow last week. The Soviet decision to give the PLO mission in Moscow the status of an embassy, but criticised Moscow's East European allies for moving towards renewing ties with the Jewish state.

"We feel that this does not match the slogans of justice and democracy which they have raised. How can such governments renew relations with a

Gaza Strip.

It challenged Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's insistence on excluding the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

"We insist on the full role of our leadership, the PLO, to choose and announce the Palestinian delegation for talks. We reject every attempt to find

#### DFLP hails 'Israeli peace plan'

NICOSIA, Jan 22. (AP): A radical Palestinian faction yesterday welcomed a Middle East peace plan devised by a former Israeli intelligence official and said it has "positive points".

The Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said the plan proposed by Shmuel Toledano should be considered a working paper for discussion between the PLO and Israel in the framework of preparations for an international Middle East peace conference.

The Democratic Front said in a statement sent to the Associated Press in Nicosia that one of the main points of interest in the plan was a survey showing that 60 per cent of Israelis would accept it.

"If the plan's survey is close to the truth, then it should be considered a sign of change in Israeli public opinion that is worth checking and following up," the statement said.

The peace plan, which calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state in stages, was proposed last week by Toledano, an adviser on Arab affairs to three Israeli premiers and a former official of the Mossad intelligence agency.

It was adopted by the PLO's main human rights and democracy" stream - Fatah faction, they asked.

In the West Bank village of Beita, residents said the body of a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israeli authorities, Abdallah Ghaleb, 21, was found today.

He was the third Palestinian to be killed apparently by fellow

Rebels release 30 Poles: Eritrean rebels released on Monday the crew of a Polish cargo ship attacked in the Red Sea this month, and the Poles were being flown home within hours, Sudan's government spokesman said.

The official Sudan news agency quoted Ali Shummo, Minister of Information and Culture, as saying that rebels of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front handed over 30 Poles to a Sudanese military team at the border with Ethiopia shortly after midnight. (AP)

**Single Maghreb state suggested:** King Hassan of Morocco opened a summit meeting of the Arab Maghreb Union in Tunis on Monday by suggesting a full union of the five member states.

"Our aim is to turn the Arab Maghreb into one country, with one passport ... one identity and a single currency," he said.

The summit, which was twice postponed and opened two hours late, is looking at proposals to complete the integration of the union and start work on economic integration. (Reuters)

**Sudan rebels shell:** Southern rebels have shelled the strategic capital of the southern Equatoria region but army troops repelled the attack, a government official source said on Sunday. (AP) \*

Open a new page: Sedki

### No talks with radicals

ABU DHABI, Jan 22. (Reuters): Egypt's new interior minister has ruled out a dialogue with Muslim fundamentalists, saying he is not a cleric, a United Arab Emirates newspaper reported today.

"I have no intention of opening a dialogue with fundamentalists in Egypt. I am a security man, not a cleric," the semi-official Al Ittihad quoted Mohammed Abdel Halim Mousa as saying.

"I don't recognise anything called a dialogue with the extremist parties," Mousa said.

Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki has urged opposition parties seeking the prosecution of Badr to put the past behind them and start a new chapter.

### Israeli embassy opens in Addis Ababa after 17-year break

ADDIS ABABA, Jan 22. (Agencies): Israel officially reopened its embassy in Ethiopia's capital today, 17 years after the two nations severed relations.

Diplomatic ties were restored last November and the embassy has been functioning since then with a small staff under Charge d'Affaires, Meir Joffe.

Joffe, who lowered the Israeli flag at the embassy when relations were cut, hoisted it once again over the modest chancellery on the north-eastern outskirts of the city.

Attending the rededication ceremony was Itzhak Shalem, assistant director general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry. He

#### Fuelling the uprising

A Palestinian youth pours petrol on a burning tyre in a main shopping district of Ramallah, West Bank. (Reuters wirephoto)

**US to supply tanks to Egypt:** Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the cabinet on Sunday that the United States plans to supply several hundred tanks to Egypt, Israel army radio said.

A well-informed Israeli official confirmed the report and said Rabin referred to US-made M60A1 tanks. The official declined to provide any details on delivery date or the number of tanks to be supplied.

In Washington, White House spokesman Sean Welsh had no comment and referred the query to Pentagon, where press duty officer Lt Cmdr Ken Satterfield also declined to comment. (AP) \*

**Next OIC summit in Dakar:** The sixth pan-Islamic summit conference will be held in Dakar, Senegal, early next year, a spokesman for the Organisation of Islamic Conference said on Sunday.

The spokesman, told the Associated Press: "The venue of the summit was fixed during the fifth Islamic summit held in Kuwait in January 1987 and has not been changed."

Gulf newspapers had earlier reported that the Jeddah-based, 46-member organisation would hold its next summit in May in Cairo.

The OIC, which seeks to promote solidarity and cooperation among Islamic countries, holds summits every three years. (AP) \*

like Joffe, formerly served in Ethiopia.

Also attending were a half dozen elderly Ethiopian Jews, known as Falashas. About 8,000 Falashas arrived in Israel in 1984 and 1985 in a clandestine airlift called "Operation Moses".

An estimated 15,000 Falashas remain in Ethiopia and Joffe said he hoped the government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam "will allow the union of families."

Acting under pressure from Arab states, Ethiopia halted the joint US-Israeli airlift shortly after its existence was leaked to the press. It had been in operation about three months.

Ethiopia cut diplomatic ties with Israel in response to a call by the Organisation of African Unity for collective action against the Jewish state after its October, 1973, Yom Kippur war with Egypt.

In another development, Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres arrived in Prague today to discuss the resumption of diplomatic ties between Israel and Czechoslovakia, the state news agency CTK.

Peres is the highest ranking Israeli official to visit Czechoslovakia since 1967, when this and other Warsaw Pact countries severed diplomatic relations with the

## Abu Nidal fighters kill Israeli colonel

### Four commandos die in fighting

SIDON, Lebanon, Jan 22. (Agencies): The radical Abu Nidal Palestinian group claimed responsibility today for the border attack in which an Israeli army colonel was killed.

A statement by Fatah Revolutionary Council, the group led by Abu Nidal, said their squad was "until now fighting the enemy forces who were deployed in the area."

But in occupied Jerusalem, the army said Israeli infantry and tank forces chased and shot dead four Arab fighters responsible for the attack.

The Abu Nidal statement said the attack was in retaliation for Friday's Israeli air raids on Palestinian bases and positions of the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim Hezbollah, or Party of God.

Seven people were killed and 18 wounded in the raids, the first Israeli air strikes against targets in Lebanon



Goulding (right) shakes hands with Nabih Berri in West Beirut. (Roula Rizkalla wirephoto)

### Ascertaining Higgins' fate

BEIRUT, Jan 22. (AP): United Nations envoy Marrack Goulding wound up talks with Lebanese government and militia officials today on the fate of US Marine Lt Col William Higgins, who was reported missing by his pro-Iranian kidnappers last summer.

Goulding, an assistant secretary-general, met with Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual head of the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim Hezbollah, and with Nabih Berri, Justice Minister and leader of the secular Shiite Amal militia.

Goulding left Beirut for neighbouring Syria.

A source close to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon said Goulding's meeting with Fadlallah was to "try to ascertain Higgins' fate."

Higgins, who headed a UN observer team in South Lebanon, was kidnapped near the southern port of Tyre on Feb 17, 1988. The pro-Iranian Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth claimed it killed him last July after Israel kidnapped a Hezbollah sheikh.

US intelligence officials believe Higgins, of Danville, Kentucky, was killed a year earlier in retaliation for a United States warship accidentally shooting down an Iranian civilian airliner over the Gulf, killing all 250 people on board.

Rahimov had led a unit of the Israeli-trained South Lebanon Army to Yaroun on Sunday after a villager reported seeing three fighters in olive-coloured uniforms, Israel radio said. They were reportedly armed with rocket-propelled grenade launchers and Soviet-designed Kalashnikov assault rifles.

At about 3.30 pm (13.30 GMT), they fired at an isolated militiamen from an isolated three-storey house located on the road linking Yaroun with the neighbouring village of Bent Jbeil.

As the militiamen surrounded the house, the fighters opened fire and hurled grenades at them.

## Syria offers troops

### Aoun ouster is the aim

DAMASCUS, Jan 22. (Reuters): Syria has again offered its troops to Lebanon's new President Elias Hrawi to help him oust General Michel Aoun from the Christian enclave Aoun controls.

President Hafez Al Assad told the visiting Lebanese leader that Damascus was ready to give "any help requested by Lebanese legitimacy" to extend its authority, a spokesman for Assad said.

The presidents also agreed to tighten controls on their joint border to stop the illegal entry of non-Lebanese, Hrawi's press adviser May Khafif haleh said.

Diplomats say he is expected to visit several other Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria, to seek their help for a speedy solution.

Leaders of the three states, under a mandate from the Arab League, mediated the peace pact which calls for changes to give Muslims more political power in the Christian-dominated system. Aoun rejects it for failing to stipulate a Syria troop withdrawal and refuses to recognise Hrawi.

Lebanese and Syrian officials said Hrawi's government would start its bid to extend its authority in West Beirut.

Two of Lebanon's leading newspapers were banned from the Christian enclave today after defying Aoun's decree banning the media from describing his rival Hrawi as President.

The statement, telecast to the Associated Press from the group's Baghdad headquarters, said the detentions had taken place in Tehran, Bandar-Anzali, Lahijan and other provincial cities. It said those detained had been warned they would be punished if they spoke to the investigators.

It said police had set up check points in major cities, 150 in Tehran alone, to check the movement of people who might want to talk to the UN team. The report could not be independently confirmed.

### Jordan to crack down on illegal workers

AMMAN, Jan 22. (AP): Labour Minister Qassem Obeidat said today that Jordan will crack down on the estimated 255,000 foreigners working illegally in the country.

"We are very concerned about the increasing size of unemployment among Jordanians," Obeidat said in a telephone interview. The number was far higher than any previously released.

"We want to decrease the number of illegal workers to provide jobs for Jordanians," he added.

He said the ministry calculates that 20 percent of the local workforce is unemployed.

He vowed to decrease the number of illegal foreign workers to 200,000 by the end of the year.

Obeidat said that almost 200,000 Egyptian workers and 100,000 Syrians were working in Jordan, only 45,000 of them

legitimately registered with his ministry.

He said thousands of Egyptians had come to Jordan from Iraq after that country began squeezing out foreign workers to accommodate soldiers returning to civilian jobs in the wake of the Iran-Iraq war.

He said another 20,000 legal workers include Lebanese, Sri Lankans, Filipinos, Pakistanis and Indians.

That would mean that foreign workers nearly equal the 370,000 Jordanians he said are inside the kingdom.

Amar Bengarh told a news conference the group planned to wage guerrilla war against the Algerian state and appeared independent of existing Algerian or foreign fundamentalist organisations.

Six people shouting "God is great" and "death to enemies of God" stormed into the courtroom in Blida south of Algiers, last Tuesday. A policeman and two of the group were killed in the ensuing shootout and the other four were arrested.

## Afghan rebel bid to end rift

RIYADH, Jan 22. (AP): The Prime Minister of Afghanistan's Interim Islamic Government, Prof. Abdul-Rasoul Sayyaf, arrived yesterday, apparently seeking Saudi help in resolving differences between rebel groups fighting the Kahul government.

Sayyaf, making his first visit to Saudi Arabia since his election last year, was greeted at the airport by Prince Saad bin Abdul-Aziz, Deputy Governor of Riyadh province, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

The agency said Sayyaf flew to Saudi Arabia to perform Umra, or out-of-season pilgrimage to the holy sites at Makkah and Medina.

But informed sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sayyaf was expected to discuss with Saudi leaders a plan to elect a new Majlis Shura, or Islamic-style parliament, for the Muslim mujahedeen rebels who fought the Soviet army.

They formed an interim Islamic government following the Soviet withdrawal last year and have vowed to topple a pro-Moscow government in Kabul.

Saudi Arabia is a leading supporter of the mujahedeen and was the first country to recognise the interim government.

The sources said that Sayyaf would be counting on Saudi connections with the various mujahedeen factions to bridge differences that plague the rebel forces.

The Pakistan-based groups are Sunnis.

Rival groups of Shiites are based in Iran.

The sources said that Sayyaf is accompanied by Burhanuddin Rabbani, Minister of Reconstruction and leader of the Jamiat Islami group, one of the largest mujahedeen factions, Interior Minister Yunis Muhammed and Defence Minister Nabi Muhammed.

Qubaidi Hikmaty, the Foreign Minister and representative of another prominent group, Hizb Islami, did not accompany Sayyaf to Saudi Arabia, the sources said.

## Iran detains families abused: charges Khalq

NICOSIA, Jan 22. (AP): The main Iranian opposition group said today that the government in the Islamic republic was detaining the families of people tortured and executed to prevent them giving testimony to a United Nations human rights investigator.

A United Nations delegation arrived in Tehran yesterday to begin the first major investigation into alleged human rights abuses in Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The official Islamic News Agency said the mission was scheduled to meet several senior Iranian officials, but did not identify them.

It is led by Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, the UN human rights commission's special envoy and an international law expert from El Salvador.

The opposition group Mujahedeen Khalq, said in a statement today that Iranian security police started several days ago "mass arrests of families of victims of political executions and political prisoners — who are foremost among witnesses of human rights violations in Iran."

The statement, telecast to the Associated Press from the group's Baghdad headquarters, said the detentions had taken place in Tehran, Bandar-Anzali, Lahijan and other provincial cities. It said those detained had been warned they would be punished if they spoke to the investigators.

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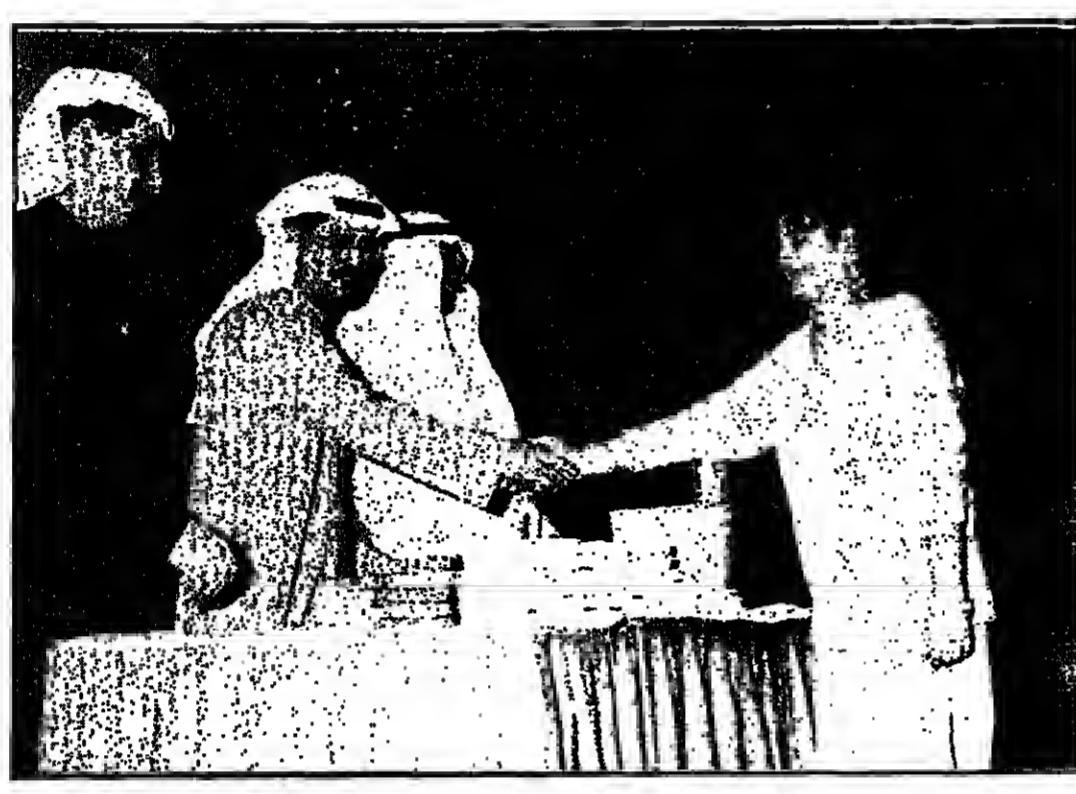
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**Kuwaiti accountants honoured**

THE Kuwaiti Auditors and Accountants Society held a reception last week to honour the members of the former board, the working committees and the new

graduates. It was held at the Regency Palace. The society's chairman, Saad Al Muhamma, welcomed the new graduates and its working committees.

Former chairman of the society, Dr. Sadeq Al Bassam thanked the new board for the reception and spoke about the challenges facing the profession in

Kuwait. He called for efforts to be consolidated and urged all auditors and accountants to back the society.

**Tribal Rugs & Oriental Prints**  
THE Sultan Gallery extended their Tribal Rugs and Oriental Prints exhibition until Jan 31. The gallery is open from 9.30 am to 12.30 noon and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm. For more information contact: 2421951.

**Iraqi ceramics**  
AN exhibition of Iraqi ceramics is currently being held at the Hunting and Equestrian Club. The exhibition will be opened everyday until January 26 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

**Seminars**

**The seminar at the DAA**, on Arabic and European Art in The Light of Zodiacal Symbolism has been postponed. It will be given during the period Feb 11 - March 11, 1990. Morning sessions on Sunday and Tuesday 11.00 - 12.30 am or evening session on Sunday and Tuesday 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Registration maybe made by phoning the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah, Tel: 2430826, 2453259.

**SOCIAL**

**Ballet**  
STEPS Ballet School commences its new term. Jan 1990

registration is now open Saturday in the Kuwait English School Salwa from 3-7 pm. Call 5386481 between 9-12 noon for more information. (For girls only 4-15 years).

**Bar-B-Q**

IAC is organising its first Bar-B-Q night with the Octave group. Programmes start at 7 pm includes music, dance, games, and vegetarian and non-vegetarian bar-b-q. Entries are restricted by passes only. For details contact Shama at 2644863, Sunny at 4343329, Jacob 4319549, George 4735972.

**Konkani drama**

THE New Goans Overseas Association is pleased to announce Menino De Bandar's "Sounasart Astana Dial," a Konkani play which will be held in the Indian Arts Circle (Funaites) on 16th February 1990. The cast all from Goa includes M. Boyer, Felcy, Josephine, Betty Alvares, Tita, Junior Rod, Carlos, Rosario Dias, C. D'Silva, John de Parra and Menino de Bandar. Tickets now available at Canary Video (Sharp) and Video Clock (near G.P.O.). Rush for tickets, one show only.

**Hotel Ramada Al-Salam**

A GRAND Indian Food Festival will be held from Jan 21-26 to coincide with the Republic Day of India. Arun Budhiraja, the Ambassador of India will grace the occasion, which will be supported by various Indian companies with stalls displaying Indian products. Enchanting performances by Indian classical dancers and musicians will be the highlights. A scrumptious Indian cuisine seeks to complete a memorable event.

**II Annual one act Play Competition**

INDIAN Arts Circle announces the II Annual One Play Competition to be held during Eid holidays in April, 1990. The competition is open to Plays in any Indian language including English. Awards shall include Best Play (1st, 2nd & 3rd), best Director, Best Actor & Actress, Best Child Actor, Best Stage Setting and Best Acting Performance from each team. Registration form with rules & regulations are available from Indian Arts Circle office at Funaites. Last date of submitting registration form with required details is 28th February, 1990.

Please contact IAC office (Tel. 3904817) for further details. All Indian associations engaged in theatrical activities are requested to join.

**Kalpak's Drama Competition**

KERALA Arts and Literature Promotion Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is conducting a Malayalam One Act Play Competition at Indian Arts Circle on 9th February 1990.

**Caledonian Society**

The Annual Burns Night Supper will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel on Thursday, February 1st. For further information and ticket reservation phone: 5335082, 5332235 or 3727691 ext. 253.

**British Council**

Story Telling Session: Thursday, Jan 25 at 10.30 am. Come and enjoy the magic of books with a story teller. Children of all nationalities, ages 3-7 are invited. Please book seats by calling Tel. 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

**Bookworm Contest:** The British Council is launching a bookworm contest open to children aged 7-15 years. Read as many book as you can. Have fun reading and win prizes. Register now at the British Council Library. Closing date for registration: Jan 27, 1990.

**Carnival Fiesta '90**

YMCA/Incredible S.C. are proud to announce their Carnival Fiesta '90 at Messilah Beach Hotel (Habiba) on Feb 22, 1990.

Non-stop dancing from 8.30 pm onwards to the beat of latest sensation "Hurricane Alley" and "Neighbour."

**Highlights:** Best Carnival couple (fancy) and many many surprises. For details contact the organisers on Tel. 2450279 (between 8 am to 1 pm) or Tel. 3921712.

**The Carnival Nite (By the Entertainers)**

IN the arena of entertainment "The Entertainers" welcomes all to witness their "Carnival Nite" at the Ramada Salam Hotel's (Le Mirage Ballroom) on the 22nd February (Thursday) 1990 commencing from 9:00 pm onwards.

Special highlights will be: Parade by King Momo. Crowning of Carnival Queen by King Momo. Samba dance competition and group prizes, and many more to be announced.

Music will be specially created for this occasion to be performed by "Top Rank" & "Perfect Strangers" be there as its "Viva la Carnival."

**Saaz sur Aawaz**

SAAZ sur Aawaz which is one of the leading Indian musical groups with complete orchestra presents their fourth musical programme entitled "Bbulle-Baire Geet" covering hit songs of yesteryears at the Indian Arts Circle, Funaites on Friday, Feb 2, 1990 at 6 pm. There will also be lucky draw prizes. For passes call 3985456/3610224/5638026 after 4 pm.

**Raga Sharai**

INTENSIVE courses (January and February) in Raqs Sharai, the classical dance form of the Middle East. For details call 4836021.

**CINEMA**

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- Al Hamra Milagro Beanfield War Drive-in Arabic film
- Al Firdous Ghar Mein Ram Gali Mein Siyam Fahsheel One Man Force
- Al Jahra Lakh Badhu Granda Hall Booked
- Salsabikhat C.O.D. They Went That Way Jileeb Zulim
- Ahmad Drive-in Arabic film

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**Kuwait Nomads RFC**

A MATCH for all players available this weekend will take place on Thursday 25th. Please meet at 3 pm at Ahmad. Any problems please contact S Hill or G Adams.

**Ladies International League**

LIL newcomers coffee morning will be held on Monday 29 January from 10 am to 12 noon at the Sheraton Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait and LIL are most welcome. For more information call Ann on 5316905.

**Flag hoisting**

On the occasion of the Republic Day of India on Jan 26, 1990, there will be flag hoisting ceremony at 9:00 hrs on that day, in the Indian Embassy premises at No. 34, Istiqlal Street.

**NRI Forum lecture on Taxation and Investments**

NRI Investors Forum is holding a lecture session at Indian embassy on Tuesday, the 30th January at 7.30 pm. The meeting would be addressed by a visiting expert from India. All Indians are welcome.

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**SPORTS****Bhutto Cup**

KUWAIT Cricket League is organising a cricket match between the teams of Indian and Pakistani veterans living in Kuwait, at K.C.L. ground on 2nd February 1990. The match will start at 9 am.

Kuwait Cricket takes this opportunity and announce that a lucky draw will be held with at least fifty prizes which includes

**KTV 1****MORNING PERIOD**

- 9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher, news
- 9.50 Cartoon serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Alfa Wajh Lil Haqeqa: Arabic serial, starring Salah Zoolfiker, Muhsina Tawfeeq, and Mohammed Redha
- 12.05 Challenges: foreign cultural programme (part 3)
- 12.30 News summary
- 12.35 Sabah Al Kher news
- 12.40 Holy Quran and closedown

**EVENING PERIOD**

- 4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satelite (repetition)
- 4.45 Bereen: cartoon serial
- 5.15 The World of Tomorrow: cultural serial

- 5.15 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 6.00 Al Fareso Al Aasheq: historical serial (part 6)

- 6.45 Varieties
- 7.00 Our children and the future: local programme (part 4), prepared and presented by Dr Mobaamred Jawad Redha

- 8.00 Made in Kuwait: Information programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damki
- 8.30 Good Evening and local news

- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Laaboon Fi Al Nar: Arabic serial (part 2)

- 10.45 Al Burkan: Arabic weekly serial (part 3), starring Rasheed Assar, Fadya Khatib and Weba Al Raheb

- 11.45 News summary

- 11.50 The World Today via Satelite

- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

**KTV 2**

- 6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Diplodots: a cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Dartmour: "Summer season where people can practise all their favourite sports and hobbies... Pollution caused by summer vacationers
- 7.00 Peacock Kingdom "Aardvark". Rebecca is romanced by a lawyer who is trying to close down an aquatic park and Dr Langley defies doctors orders to see the mating of leopards.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law
- 8.45 Coming of Age: "All I Want Was a New Car". Dick finds a job as a salesman which helps him buy a new car.

- 9.15 The Story of Hollywood "Torn from Today's Headline". From the bright side of Hollywood's films ranging from 'Grapes of Wrath' to the President's Man to dark threats of cinematic freedom brought by the blacklists and the House Un-American Activities Committee..

- 10.00 The Twilight Zone: "The Cold Equation." An astronaut carries an urgent shipment of drugs. He faces unexpected problems when he finds a girl on his spacecraft.

- 10.30 The Silk Route of the Sea (pt. 4) "Sindbad's Boat". A special programme on the United Arab Emirates and Dubai on the Silk Route... The trade of Arabia with other foreign countries through ages...

- 11.30 A Man Called Hawk: "A Time and a Place". An ex-prisoner hires two criminals to assassinate Hawk who is ready to the challenge...

- 12.15 News in Brief

- 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite



## The beauty and spirit of Japan

### Japan week 1990

MOST of Japanese folk performances have arisen out of the fertile ground of popular religious sentiment and developed with their own polished sense of stylized beauty and invocation.

Agriculture was the major occupation of the Japanese people over many centuries, so it is natural that many folk performances have grown out of praying for a rich harvest and peaceful life. Later connected with religious rituals and practices in shrines and temples, they became embodied with various meanings, and began representing various aspects of Japan's

**Japan film festival**

Today's film is *Sanjuro* (1962). To be screened at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry auditorium. The film is subtitled in Arabic and directed by Akira Kurosawa.

culture, such as expressing devotion to the gods, imitating agricultural tasks, and extolling the joys and sorrows of deity life. In these performances, which represent the most excellent part of Japanese folk dance and music, greater mutual understanding and friendship among nations may be promoted.

Also, music with a peculiar tempo, actions of stamping

**Le Meridien welcomes 'Miss France'**

The Management of Hotel Le Meridien Kuwait welcomed "Miss France" and her accompanying delegation on their visit to Kuwait to promote the French perfume "Bibi". The hotel management held a warm reception to honour their guest, Gaeve Voire (Miss France). Picture shows (left-right): Nadie Ayad, general manager and Gaeve Voire, director of sales, Keaton Woods,

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Nazer in S.Korea to boost imports

SEOUL, Jan 22. (Reuters) Saudi Arabia's Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Hisham Nazer arrived in Seoul today to discuss increasing South Korea imports of Saudi oil products, Energy Ministry officials here said.

Nazer, who is also acting Planning Minister, is expected to try to revitalise exports of Saudi crude oil and refined products to South Korea after a dramatic slowdown in 1988.

South Korea produces no oil and until 1987 bought most of its supply from Saudi Arabia. In recent years it has started diversifying away to Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Iraq.

"We have a vested interest in expanding co-operation with Saudi Arabia — it's the world's largest oil producer and many of our construction firms are doing projects there," said one ministry official.

Nazer will meet President Roh Tae-Woo, Deputy Prime Minister Cho Soon-an and other ministers as well as business leaders during his three-day visit.

Ministry officials said South Korea buys mainly crude oil, liquified petroleum gas, naptha, diesel oil and kerosene from Saudi Arabia, but would not give exact figures.

Meanwhile, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said that Saudi Arabia is not planning to invest in Japan's refining and retail oil market and Tokyo has not given the go-ahead for such a scheme.

Meetings in Riyadh on January 10 between a Japanese industry delegation and the kingdom's petroleum ministry focused on ensuring oil supplies from the region and the agenda of Nazer's visit to Tokyo next week.

MEES said:

"Japan imports more than two-thirds of its oil from the Gulf."

## Khorafi in Paris for talks

PARIS, Jan 22. (Kuwait) Kuwait Finance Minister, Jassim Al Khorafi arrived here today leading his country's delegation to meetings of the Franco-Kuwaiti joint economic commission.

The meetings, which will be chaired by Al Khorafi and the French Minister of Finance and Economy, Pierre Bergé, are to tackle ways to promote economic and financial co-operation between the two countries.

The two ministers are scheduled to meet tonight informally during a dinner reception given by Al Khorafi at the residence of the Kuwaiti ambassador here, Dr Tareq Razouqi.

The reception will be attended by heads of several French enterprises, the Arab diplomatic corps and several government officials.

Al Khorafi and Bergé will hold a round of official talks tomorrow evening at the headquarters of the Finance Ministry before dinner banquet to be given there by the French minister.

### Gold softens

## Dollar strengthens

LONDON, Jan 22. (UPI) The dollar closed higher against the major European currencies today. Gold was down sharply.

The dollar closed higher in Frankfurt at 1.722 German marks against Friday's close at 1.71 and also was higher in Zurich at 1.5265 Swiss francs against 1.5175, in Paris at 5.8430 French francs against 5.8240, in Brussels at 35.94 Belgian francs against 35.89, and in Milan at 1.278.10 lire against 1.276.05.

In London, the pound closed lower at \$1.6390 against \$1.6455 at Friday's close.

In Zurich, gold closed dirs four lower at \$405.50 per ounce and also was lower in London closing at \$405.25 per ounce against \$410 per ounce.

Silver closed unchanged in Zurich at \$5.20 per ounce, but was lower in London at \$5.19 per ounce against \$5.22 per ounce.

In London shares weakened further in thin late trade as an early fall on Wall Street hurt sentiment in a market already depressed by an increasingly gloomy UK economic and corporate outlook, dealers said.

Stocks had been undermined earlier by signs UK production was slowing faster than expected while labour costs were still on the rise, dealers said. "It was an unwelcome reminder just how precariously balanced the economy will be this year between the hoped-for soft landing and full recession," said one.

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New strategy needed to strengthen private sector: Saadoun

## Reactivation drive fails to stimulate banks

KUWAIT'S well known economist, Jassim Al Saadoun yesterday advised the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry to stop its participation with the government in carrying out recommendations included in an economic report aimed at reviving the stagnant Kuwait economy.

The managing director of Alshaih Economic Consultancy launched a severe criticism on the government-sponsored report, particularly the part relating to the settlement of the bank debt crisis. But Al Saadoun admitted at a special seminar called by the Kuwaiti Auditors Society to discuss the economic report, that the report included "very good recommendations, adding that these recommendations were not new. They were included in most of the previous economic reports that the government had prepared in the past.

He emphasised on the importance of implementation which in his views "looks to be dim." In his lengthy lecture, supported by facts and figures, Saadoun stressed that there has been a grave misconception about the definition of economic recession or boost. He added that by economic recession or activity it is meant "the production process, measured by the total growth rates, manpower, its productivity and quality and their effect on the balances of prices, public treasury and the net dealing of the country with the outside world."

Saadoun emphasised that taking into consideration this clear definition "We have had no real growth over the past 30 years with the exception of those resulting from the increase in oil

prices and its production and these are not in the production process." There is not enough production units to accommodate the manpower.

There are units through which revenues from oil are distributed." For this we have been suffering from a severe masked unemployment and expectations for the future could be more dangerous, Saadoun said. We have stopped caring for the price balances. On the contrary, inflation has become an essential part in our definition of economic activity. When prices of land increase, followed by hikes in costs of housing, increase in rents and majority of people are adversely affected.

He added that on the same lines, when the prices of shares go up to affect an increase in cost of living, then economic activation is successful. And, when the state declares a deficit in the budget and imposes charges on services and does not impose taxes on the rich, they believe that the economic activation is achieved. Thus, we have been using wrong definitions and terms for the economic activation we want to achieve, Saadoun said.

He said that the economic revival report is a conclusion of two reports, presented by the government and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that although parts of the chamber's report were included in the final joint report, but proposals on the settlement of the difficult bank debts, were ruled out. He feared that recommendations other than those relating to the difficult loans, may not be implemented.

In his lecture, Saadoun tackled the various recommendations in the

report. Concerning promoting the role of the private sector to share in the country's developmental process, Saadoun said that it was due to the government policies in the past that the role of the private sector was minimised.

It has become a very weak sector concentrating on exchanging assets instead of investing it. He said that the absence of a development strategy to determine the role of the private sector, has left the private sector on the periphery of the national economy.

He said that the report should have adopted the Chamber of Commerce proposal in "the need to adopt a new economic course within the framework of a clear development strategy."

On the real estate sector, Saadoun criticised the proposal to establish new border cities by involving the private sector in the construction. He said that the state would spend, unnecessarily, huge amounts on these cities. He also raised doubts on the reality of the figures about the number of vacant apartments in Kuwait at present. Saadoun said that even if the figures were correct, most of the vacant apartments are concentrated in one area. He also objected to the proposal calling to ban Kuwaitis from leasing part of their houses, saying this will have no important bearing on the real estate market.

He said that theoretically, the proposals of the report on activation of the industry and trade sectors are good, but we need to wait and see what can be implemented. However, he objected to the proposal calling for closing down the Friday market (Hara). He said that the Friday market poses no real threat

to the commercial market. Saadoun stressed that there still exists a misconception about the actual role of the Kuwait Stock Exchange market. He said that only 59 percent of companies in the market achieve profits and they distribute half the profits distributed by other world markets, in spite of the fact that there are no real taxes in Kuwait.

He said that any reform process in the market should start by a process of shake-up to the companies financial positions and managements and all social and political considerations must stay away in this connection.

He said that although the "good recommendations included in the report were not new and were repeated in many previous reports, but the problem remains with implementation." He said that past experience tells us that the previous attempts on shaking-up the financial positions and managements of the companies were not correct. Although some good effort was exerted by honest people in this issue, but the obstacle was always political and social and not technical, he stressed.

But Saadoun's most severe criticism was directed to the report's proposals on settlement of the difficult bank debts. He described this part as "the most dangerous part in the report." Substantiating his conclusion with figures, Saadoun said that the total bad debts is KD 2.2 billion, only KD 900 million of them are mortgaged. Thus, the total deficit is KD 1.3 billion. He said that the number of debtors covered by the programme is 1,350 debtors of whom the deficit of 450 of them is KD 17

million, the deficit of 255 of them is KD 27 million, deficit of 338 is KD 116 million, deficit of another 338 debtors is KD 140 million and deficit of 99 debtors is KD 900 million. The number of programme debtors represents only 2.7 per cent of all bank debtors. He said that 33 per cent of the debtors share 1.3 per cent of the deficit, 17 per cent of the debtors share in 2.1 per cent of the deficit value, which means that half of the debtors share only 3.4 per cent of the total deficit.

The rest 50 per cent of the debtors share 96.6 per cent of the deficit value, half of them share only 8.9 per cent of the deficit and the second half share 87.7 per cent.

Moreover, official statistics show that 99 individuals and establishments or just 7 per cent of the total debtors share 61.5 per cent of the deficit. Thus, we can simply conclude that the problem is a problem of few individuals and not a public issue, Saadoun said. He added that these individuals and economic establishments, if failed, won't lead to an economic catastrophe in Kuwait. The result of the government programme for settling these debts is that it has protected these deficit debtors from the law and in return we have got nothing for the

programme did not solve the problem of the banks, but rather made more complicated and lead to increasing its financial deficits. About the government proposal to support the banks financially, he expected the amount to be between KD 700-1,000 million, stressing that had the government been more careful in scrutinising the financial positions of the "main debtors," it would have reclaimed much more than it is going to reclaim under the programme.

On his part, chairman of the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East, Ali Rashid Al Bader, who spoke at the same seminar, hoped that the implementation of the economic recommendation would greatly benefit the Kuwaiti economy. He described the recommendations as "comprehensive and have tackled all the economic sectors." He predicted that the implementation of some of the recommendation would face a number of obstacles, but added that the government is serious in implementation.

we could make money there, we would all be there."

Official figures showed Japanese investment in China accounted for just 1.1 per cent of its total overseas investment at the end of last March, a third of its investment in Hong Kong and less than a quarter of that in Indonesia.

Questions raised by the audience skipped the main anxieties of Japanese corporations such as what happens when top leader Deng Xiaoping dies, will the Beijing public exact revenge and to which party faction is the army loyal?

## Arab states to launch a fund

Plan to expand trade

ABU DHABI, Jan 22. (Reuters) Arab states are to set up a fund with private sector help to boost trade between them, the Arab League's monetary chief said today.

The fund "will aim to develop national trade among Arab countries and boost competitiveness of Arab exports," Osama Al Faqih, chairman of the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), said in a lecture.

He said Arab finance and economy ministers would meet in Abu Dhabi in April to launch the fund, which would have capital of \$500 million and operate from the AMF offices.

"We expect it to be successful because it is the first pan-Arab scheme in which the private sector plays a significant part," he said.

Exports by the 21 Arab League states to each other peaked in 1986 at 9.2 percent of

their total exports, falling to 7.4 percent in 1988.

Imports in 1988 were 7.7 percent of total imports, down from a 1981 peak of 10.3 percent. Inter-Arab trade totalled \$11.5 billion in 1988.

"The low level of trade among Arab states is among the basic problems facing their economies," Faqih said. "Lack of financing and customs and non-tariff barriers are among the main reasons."

He said the new fund would co-operate with the Arab corporation for guaranteeing investment, which guarantees exports.

"The project will operate on a sheer commercial basis and thus should attract more commercial banks, which have so far failed to play an effective role in inter-Arab trade, he added.

## Chinese leader asks Japanese to invest

TOKYO, Jan 22. (Reuters) The first senior Chinese leader to visit Japan since the military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators last June appealed to Japanese businessmen to invest more in his country.

The response was more polite than positive. Zou Jiahua, chairman of the State Planning Commission, assured more than 300 businessmen in a Tokyo hotel that China's reform and open-door policies would not change.

He said the country was stable and that its cheap labour and resources offered great potential.

"Our lifting of martial law on January 11

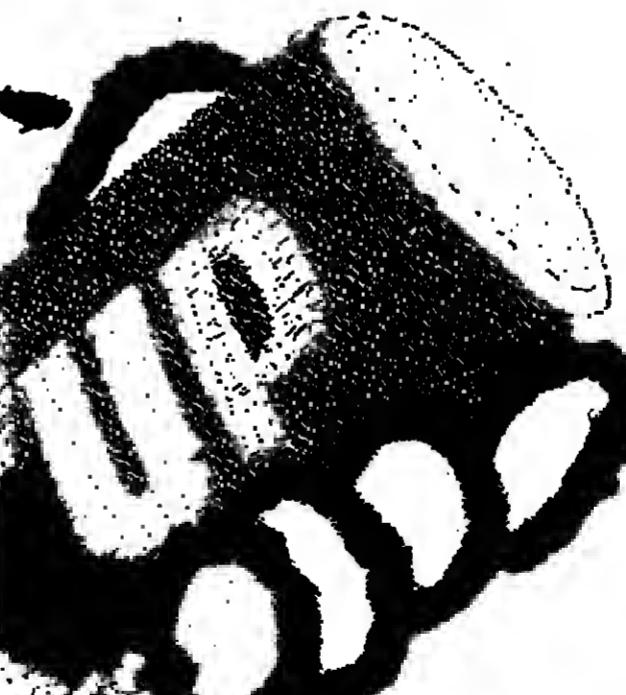
was evidence of stability," he said. "Certain difficulties we are baying in the economy are in the process of being overcome."

Lifting martial law, in force in Beijing since May 20, was set as a precondition by the West to normalising ties. Most Western nations froze political ties and cheap loans to protest against the June crackdown.

Zou's audience applauded warmly and his host, a leader of the Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade, praised the last 10 years as a period of stability and progress rare in China's history.

"Who wants to invest in China, especially after June 4," whispered one businessman. "If

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# Bank profits jump

## Record year for NBK

NATIONAL Bank of Kuwait has announced 1989 net profits of KD35 million (\$120 million) after transfers to provisions and free inner reserves, a 13 per cent increase over the previous year.

These results highlight another year of record profitability for NBK and a consistent trend achieved throughout the 1980s.

The transfer to free inner reserves after meeting the tight provisioning requirements of the Central Bank of Kuwait is a conservative tradition that only very few Arab banks still follow.

National Bank's chairman, Mohammed Al Kharafi, announced a cash dividend of 20 per cent and a stock dividend (bonus shares) of 15 percent.

Al Kharafi told reporters in Kuwait that the bank's 1989 performance "capped a successful decade for NBK, consolidating its status as the premier Arab bank in terms of consistent profitability, strategic direction and purposeful expansion abroad. It has successfully established itself in key international financial centres in order to serve its large home client base in Kuwait and the Gulf."

Noting that the past nine years have seen NBK emerge from a large domestic bank into an international Kuwaiti bank, Al Kharafi added that the 1989 results "reflect the twin themes of: firstly, continued diversification of the bank's product mix and secondly, on going optimisation of asset and liability management policies."

NBK enjoys a pre-eminent role amongst Arab banks in delivering advanced financial services to other regional banks, as well as governmental, institutional, corporate and individual clients. "NBK's regional states is underpinned by its commitment to advances in information and delivery technology," added Al Kharafi. "Products like WITS and our New York branch, a fully computerised dollar payment and clearing system, EFTPOS and advanced technology in ATMs in Kuwait are examples of such initiatives," he added. "We are probably one of the few banks who transformed relationship banking into a corporate culture," added Al Kharafi. "As we enter the nineties, we believe we are well positioned domestically, regionally and internationally to provide our home market clientele with an expanded array of products and services."

## Hang loose, thank you

DETROIT, Michigan, Jan 22, (AP): Park the latest General Motors Corporation concept truck near Waikiki beach and someone may toss a worn-out lei in the back. Or say "you're welcome."

In a linguistic gaffe, the world's largest automaker tagged its latest show pickup the Mahalo. In the recently ended North American international auto show, GM said the word meant "hang loose."

Bru Nobea Lani Wallace, who teaches at the Centre for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii, said "Mahalo" means "thank you." He said it often appears on trash cans in the Aloha state to thank people for not littering.

Now, how many people would be willing to take their friends hunting in a pickup called a "thank you."

"Basically, what we found out is that we were wrong," a GMC spokesman said today.

## Interest rates

KUWAIT, Jan 22, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8.5/16	8.1/2
3 months	8.5/16	8.1/2
6 months	8.1/4	8.1/2
1 year	8.1/4	8.1/2

## Shortage of spare parts highlights Algeria's economic problems

TOKYO, Jan 22: From South Korea to Thailand, across the vibrant sweep of Pacific Asia, the hum of economic activity has become almost deafening. And for the most part, the tune these countries are playing has been composed in Japan.

Even the casual traveller through Asia cannot help but feel the increasing dominance that Japan exerts over the economic life of the most populous region of the globe. The streets are filled with Toyotas and the homes with Sony televisions. The roads and dams are constructed with Japanese foreign aid. And the new factories, which employ millions of Asian workers, are financed by Japanese corporations.

A few simple facts bear this out: ■ Japan provides 65 per cent of all the funds (both government aid and private investment) that flow into the rest of Pacific Asia.

■ Japan is the largest aid donor to every country in Asia except Pakistan, and the source of 64 per cent of the aid to the developing countries of Southeast Asia.

■ Japan's total trade with Asia is now the largest of any nation, and its imports from Pacific Asia have almost doubled in the past two years.

"Japan is the most important player," says Thai economist Wattachai Yongkitkul. "For the most part, Europe has ignored this part of the world."

And increasingly, so has the United States. "Something went wrong in the US," says Yongkitkul, director of the Thailand Development Research Institute, who laments the loss of competitiveness in the Middle East.

The degree of dependence is worrisome even to those who welcome Japan's economic role.

"We need balance," says Thai economist Banay Surakanit. "If the whole world relies on Japanese industry, what will happen?" he asks rhetorically. Some others in Asia and outside, are concerned that the investment will

Japan is trying to rebuild the "Greater East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere," as its World War II propaganda called it — this time without using military force.

But most experts interviewed in Japan, the US, and in key Asian nations say Japan's apparent domination is not the product of a concerted plan to gain regional hegemony. Rather, it is the result of market forces as Japan adjusts to the leap in the yen's value since late 1985.

A September 1985 agreement among the major industrial nations to force a realignment of currency values triggered a sharp decline in the dollar and a rapid rise of the Japanese yen, along with the German mark.

The aim was to reverse the American trade imbalance by making US products cheaper and foreign goods more expensive.

Japan's huge trade surplus has declined somewhat, as imports grew by 14 per cent in 1987 and 25 per cent in 1988. Domestic demand, rather than exports, became the driving factor for growth.

The currency change also had the effect of transforming Japan into the largest source of capital in the world.

By late 1986, in dollar terms, Japan's wealth had increased by about 50 per cent.

For Asia, the major effect of the yen's rise was to boost the cost of production at home. In response, Japanese firms moved increasing amounts of their production overseas in search of cheaper labour, land and other costs.

"It is like the late 1950s and early 1960s, when US multinational companies shifted capital massively to Europe and Asia, but was mainly aimed at penetrating the markets of recipient countries."

The new flood of investment seeks to improve the competitive position of Japanese companies by producing goods in countries such as Thailand and Malaysia and then exporting them to the US, Europe and back

## Japanese & US Economic Stake in Asia (in billions of US dollars-1987)

	JAPAN	US
Aggregate Direct Investment	\$125.7	\$125.2
Official Development Assistance (ODA)	69.1	42.0
Total	194.8	167.2
Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), US Commerce Department (Survey of Current Business), Japan Institute of Social and Economic Affairs. Asia includes South, Southeast, East Asia, Oceania, Australia, and New Zealand. US trade data does not include Japan.		

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Japanese policymakers see their relationship with Asia as one of mutual interest, feeding Japan's growth while promoting the emergence of new industrial powers such as South Korea.

"We recognize the success of the development of the other Asian countries will have long-term benefit to us," asserts former Foreign Minister Saburo Okita, a leading advocate of Pacific co-operation. "Markets will expand, living standards will increase and purchasing power will grow."

Dr Okita made famous the metaphor of a wedge of flying geese, with Japan in the lead and opening the door for the countries that follow. The first wave of industrialization was Japan, he says, followed by the second wave of the Asian newly industrialising economies (NIEs), known as the "four tigers" — Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. The "third wave" is led

into Japan.

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In Thailand, the new boom economy in Asia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong are the second- and third-largest sources of investment following Japan, with the US slipping to fourth, barely ahead of Singapore and Korea.

Japanese aid plays a key role in promoting this process, says Nabuo Maruyama, a senior analyst at the government-linked Institute for Developing Economies. Aid to poorer countries such as Burma, Bangladesh, or China, focuses on building basic infrastructure, such as transportation systems or electric-power generation, encouraging private investment to follow.

When basic economic conditions are established, the focus of aid shifts to supporting industry, Maruyama explains. In Indonesia and Malaysia, for example, Japanese contractors are encouraged development of the timber and aluminium industries. Fin-

ally, the development specialist says, aid is used to "graduate" countries such as South Korea, providing for example, loans to Korean government banks to finance Korean private companies.

Aid, trade, and investment are linked by the idea of integrating those economies into the Japanese economy," argues Richard Cramm, a specialist in Asian affairs at the Congressional Research Service in Washington.

The strategy has produced results in the emergence of Asia as the growth center of the world economy. But it masks certain key conflicts. Cramm notes, "The division of labour implies a certain difference of status — the Japanese are always going to be higher up on the technological chain."

Asian critics complain that while Japanese investment provides employment, Japanese companies are slow to transfer technology and to locate all aspects of production.

Japanese companies see these countries as export bases, bringing in parts and components from Japan, assembling them with cheap labour and exporting them, Asian experts say.

Japanese foreign aid is another source of controversy, with critics charging it mostly benefits Japanese construction firms and companies who get most of the contracts. "In many cases, Japanese aid is meaningless," asserts Shizuka Kame, a conservative member of Japan's parliament. "Japanese contractors are just making profits off those projects."

But the key test of whether Japan's role is truly for mutual benefit, most analysts agree, is that it is willing not only to shift technology and production, but to become a market for Asian-made goods. "Japan must become a very large absorber of the

products of these countries, otherwise the process doesn't work," Dr Okita says.

Asian nations complain of barriers to the Japanese market, but there are some signs of change. While the US is still the largest market for most Asian nations, exports to the US are slowest as those to Japan grow rapidly.

In the past, Japan predominantly imported raw materials and processed them into manufactured goods. But since 1985, the proportion of imports that are manufactured goods has grown from 31 per cent to almost 50 per cent in 1988. From the Asian NIEs, the proportion is even higher — 72.9 per cent — reflecting a large part of the import of goods such as consumer electronics made in Japanese company plants in those countries.

A special study group of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry argues that the growth of intra-Asian trade would benefit the world economy. With Japan playing the role of major importer, Asian exporters will lessen their dependence on the US market, helping to reduce the American trade deficit.

And the growth of all Asian economies would cushion the world from the impact of a recession in the US, which some economists predict.

This "thickening" of intra-Asian interdependence is well under way. Japan's total trade with Asia, which grew by about 57 per cent between 1985 and 1988, is now larger than its trade with the US. Overall, intra-Asian trade is also growing rapidly. This year, for the first time, the total import of Asia surpassed that of the US, totaling about \$600 billion. "I hope US business goes over there to Asia," says economist Tokuyama. "The demand for goods in the coming 20 to 30 years is endless."

— The Christian Science Monitor

## APC to expand capacity

## Potash earnings jump

AMMAN, Jan 22 (Reuters): Jordan's Dead Sea potash industry, aided by firm prices and a lower dinar, boosted earnings and profits in 1989, managing director Ali Ensour said today.

Potash, a fertilizer ingredient, accounts for about a fifth of Jordan's visible exports.

Ensour told Reuters the Arab Potash Company (APC) sold 1.25 million tonnes of potash for \$125 million, compared to 1988 sales of 1.3 million tonnes for \$120 million.

Gross profit rose to 38 million dinars (\$57 million) from 14 million (\$21 million) in 1988, when APC made its first profit since production began in 1983.

"We expect to sell 1.35 million tonnes this year and earn 130 to \$135 million," Ensour said.

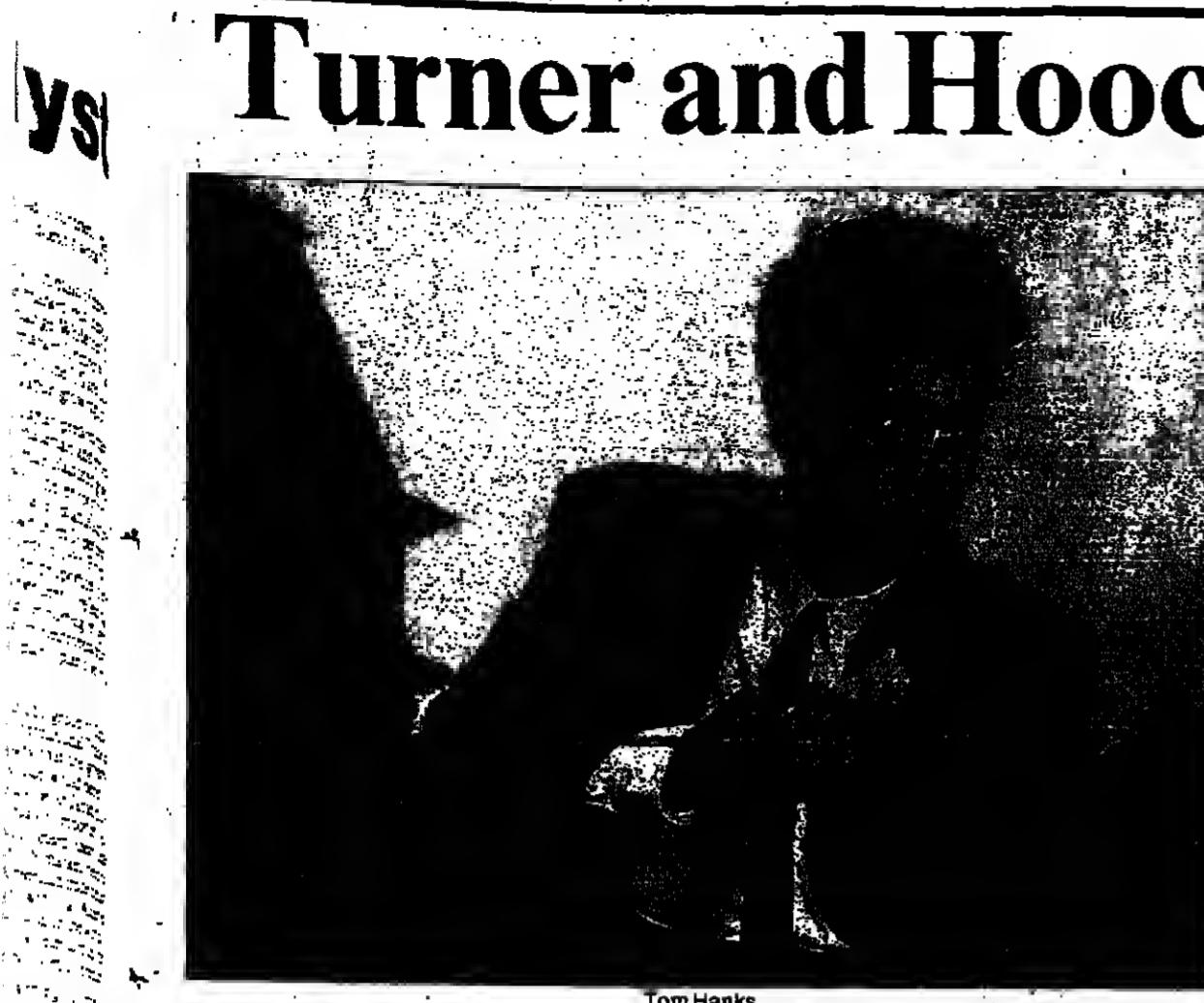
The company hoped to recoup accumulated losses of 40 million dinars (\$60 million) by the end of 1990. No dividends would be paid until losses had been covered, which lost 26 per cent of its dollar value last year, had swelled dinar profits.

Jordan, which has a 54 per cent stake in the pan-Arab APC, began charging royalties of three dinars a tonne last April, but the debt-laden company remains exempt from tax.

Other APC shareholders include the Arab Mining Company, with 25 per cent, Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Development Bank.

## Bombay shares

Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Jan 22	Pt. Close	Open	Close	Hind Cocus	153.50	152.50	155
ACC	334	333	329	Hind Motor	27	27	27
Aeon Chem	—	—	—	Hindalco	257.75	256	256
Ali Wis	—	—	—	Hoechst	1900	1890	1890
Ari Fab	—	—	—	Imperial	200	200	205
Ashok Ley	93.50	92	93	ITC	56.25	54	53
Asia Paints	225	225	221.25	Ind Org	50	49	49
Atlas Cop	41	41	41	Ind Rayon	90	90	90
Auto Corp	52.50	53.75	57.50	Indrol	215	217.50	217.50
AVL	35.50	35.50	35.50	JK Syn	56.25	56	55
Bajaj Auto	395	392.50	391.25	Kia Engg	151.50	150	152
Bar Rayon	707.50	710	700	Kar Curran	73	74	76
Blow Plat	—	—	—	Kar Pumps	195	195	200
Bom Dye	204	207	207.30	L & T	72.50	73	73
BRI Bond	97	94	97.50	Lipson	92.50	92	90
Burr Wel	85	80	85	Mac Russel	162.50	161.25	165
Candare	—	—	—	Mad Coats	113	110	112.50
Can Enka	3200	3150	3130	Mahindra	87.50	82.50	85



Tom Hanks

Oh no! not again

## Venice in grip of rock shock

**VENICE:** Italy. (AP) Even as Venice enjoys a winter hibernation that allows the echoes of footsteps to resound in the nearly deserted squares, the spectre of Pink Floyd refuses to go away.

A summer concert by the British rock group that drew more than 100,000 young people and left the city awash in garbage is a recurring nightmare.

It is being used as ammunition in a battle being waged over bid to make Venice the site of an international fair in the year 2000 and has led officials to ban carnival celebrations from famed St. Mark's Square.

Pink Floyd was allowed to perform on a floating stage in the Venice lagoon in July after the group agreed to reduce the decibel level to protect the colonnaded square and ninth-century Basilica.

But the trash left behind by the concertgoers and the sight of thousands sleeping in the streets proved too much for many Venetians.

St. Mark's said fine arts commissioner Margherita Asso in hanning the annual carnival from the massive square, "was attacked by vandals and there wasn't and still isn't sufficient police protection."

Carnival will go on in other parts of the city judged less fragile, inaugurated Feb 10, by a procession up the grand canal led by a 75-foot-long (25-metre-long) floating replica of a bottle of Italian bubbly.

Pre-Lent merrymaking is not the only talk of Venice. There is also the bid, put forward by the Veneto region, to make Venice and nearby cities the site of Expo 2000.

Backers include such powerful figures as Venetian-born Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis, who also supported the Pink Floyd concert. The Socialist official, the author of a guide to discos in Italy, had said Venice must be open to all forms of culture, including rock music.

The fair is seen as a way of breathing new life into the city of canals and marble palaces, whose year-round population has dwindled to 80,000 from 130,000 over the past 25 years. Exhibitions would feature

science and culture.

With the proper controls, said De Michelis, Expo 2000 would be "the right way to bring Venice into the new century."

Those in favour insist the fair could attract new businesses and lead to the renovation of housing and neighbourhood that have decayed as young people have gone to the mainland in search of jobs.

They have left Venice to the summer tourists and, to the lament of many locals, cheap souvenir shops and pizza parlours catering to day-trippers with backpacks. Such tourism has inspired calls for daily quotas on the number of visitors.

"I am one of those who believe the idea of a 'fair' should be examined, not just written off," said Venice's cultural commissioner, Fulgenzio Liveni, sitting in his office looking out onto St. Mark's Square, frequented by almost as many pigeons as people this time of the year.

He sees it as an opportunity to attract two industries "ideally suited" to the lagoon city—films and fashions.

But Liveni admits that the "Pink Floyd effect" is still running strong.

Graffiti and posters declaring "no to expo" have gone up in the distinctive narrow lanes near the Rialto bridge, while someone has scrawled "De Michelis, repeat" on the causeway linking Venice to Mestre on the mainland.

In December, a small group of Venetians took their protest to Paris, holding up signs outside the offices of the international committee that will select the host city. The other candidates are Hannover, West Germany, and Toronto, Canada.

The committee is expected to make its decision in June.

For a city so dependent on outsiders, even those catering to tourists seem to have had their fill and hope Venice is kept out of the plans.

The newsweekly Panorama reported that one study predicts a fair would attract more than 100,000 people a day during the four-month period, paralyzing the city and strain services to the breaking point.

## FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

### Human bite should be treated by doctor

QUESTION: While roughhousing with the boys, my hand was cut accidentally by their teeth. It wasn't a deep cut, but it was bleeding quite a bit, so I went to the emergency room to have it taken care of. I was surprised when the doctor did not sew it up and left it with just a dressing. Was this the right care?

ANSWER: Yes, it was. The simple fact is that routine care of human bite wounds does not require suturing. However, such bite wounds should be scrubbed and cleaned thoroughly to prevent infections, and antibiotics may be prescribed when there seems to be a definite chance of contamination and possible resulting infection.

Despite the fact that some human bite injuries may look fairly trivial, no matter how innocent or superficial the bite appears, a doctor should be consulted. It is not the extent of the wound that is of chief concern, but the possibility of infection that can follow this type of injury. Untreated, we often progress to "acute necrotizing soft tissue infection," a condition in which there is much damage from the death of cells and can have devastating effects.

If a bite wound is superficial, the doctor may immobilize the hand after cleaning it, making a splint using a plaster slab or using lightweight aluminum or plastic splints. An oral antibiotic that

is effective against germs normally are found in such wounds is usually indicated.

The hand should be kept elevated, using a sling and second visit to the doctor is recommended within 24 hours so that additional evaluation can be made.

If the wound is deeper, treatment begins the same way with careful cleaning, if dead tissue has occurred, the dead tissue is removed by a surgical technique called debridement. Antibiotics are useful here as well. Tetanus vaccination is also administered, to prevent "lockjaw."

In the cases where there are severe bites that penetrate a joint or tendon, hospitalization may be required for surgical repair of the wound and the continuous administration of intravenous antibiotics.

QUESTION: I have a very nice, large plant growing on my window sill. Friends tell me its "juice" is a good treatment for burns and that using the sap will prevent scar formation. Is that true?

ANSWER: It depends upon the type of burn you have. The aloe sap to treat if you have a superficial burn or abrasion, gel from a leaf of the plant may be soothing and perhaps mildly healing. There is

some scientific evidence to support that, but the gel does not prevent scarring.

Should you suffer a more intense or deeper burn (a second- or third-degree burn) or if your wound becomes infected and/or cracked, applying aloe gel could do more harm than good. When applied to a skin, even as itself, is seldom irritating. Yet, aloe leaf juice, especially on a burn can be treacherous because the latex that is also found in the leaf is a powerful laxative. With some additional care, you can avoid the latex by scraping gel from inside the leaf.

If there is any doubt about the severity of a burn, forget about your aloe vera plant and see your physician immediately. There are more effective and less doubtful methods for treating these injuries, which may be prone to complications of infection if not dealt with properly.

QUESTION: Despite all precautions, and vast quantities of over-the-counter medications, I have a case of athlete's foot that just won't quit. I change my socks daily, use each of the five pairs of basketball, use foot powder, and the like, all to no avail. What am I doing wrong?

ANSWER: Your stubborn foot problem might not be athlete's foot at all. Many people today are sensitive to the dyes and synthetics that go into the

making of shoes, socks and stockings.

The symptoms of this contact dermatitis are remarkably similar to those of athlete's foot: scaling, fissuring (splits in the skin), itching.

With contact dermatitis, however, itching begins early, swelling is common, and a big, red, webs between the toes are symptom-free, a site where athlete's foot usually strikes. Another bright sign is that it is often caused by a lack of personal care, such as leaving the foot dirty or unclean.

You are going to have to change your treatment strategy. The treatment for feet with contact dermatitis is wet pack, soaked with Burrow's solution, available at any pharmacy. If the problem is very severe or does not respond to these simple soaks, it may be "exclusive therapy," where the cream is applied overnight and the feet are sealed in plastic bags (sandwich bags will do) overnight.

The cure is identifying the offending footwear and/or chemicals that are causing the problem. For this you will need to have a patch test performed, which helps to isolate the exact cause of the rash. Then get rid of those shoes that have been the source of all your foot problems.

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Should you suffer a more intense or deeper burn (a second- or third-degree burn) or if your wound becomes infected and/or cracked, applying aloe gel could do more harm than good. When applied to a skin, even as itself, is seldom irritating. Yet, aloe leaf juice, especially on a burn can be treacherous because the latex that is also found in the leaf is a powerful laxative. With some additional care, you can avoid the latex by scraping gel from inside the leaf.

If there is any doubt about the severity of a burn, forget about your aloe vera

plant and see your physician imme-

diately. There are more effective and less doubtful methods for treating these injuries, which may be prone to complications of infection if not dealt with properly.

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Happy birthday



Amina Abdulshakoor turned 9 on January 19



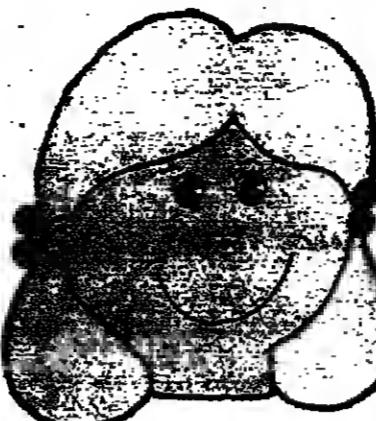
Ali Abdulshakoor turned 8 on January 18



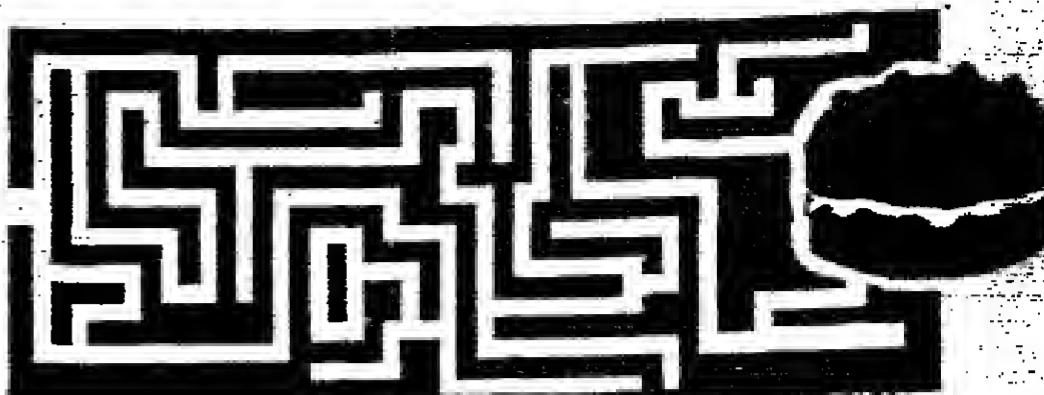
Shalini James turned one on January 18



Punest K. Jain turns 8 today, January 23



Find a way through each maze



Hey Kiddos 'Out' for some fun... sit and write to your favourite Film Star...

**SPECIAL STAR POST**

	<b>SHATRUGHAN SINHA</b> 49 Nutan Laxmi Society 9th Road, Juhu Scheme Bombay-49
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Watch out for Star Post next week....

Eugene Roche Mohindra



## Variety

## Hollywood: A novel of America in 1920's

**Hollywood, By Gore Vidal**  
GORE VIDAL brings his picaresque fictionalised vision of American history, already sketched in such best-sellers as "Bur" and "Lincoln," into the 20th century with "Hollywood," which he situates with his subtitle: "A Novel of America in the 1920s."

But don't let the title fool you. "Hollywood" is a bicoastal novel with the Washington of Wilson and Harding administration playing as central a role as the Hollywood of D.W. Griffith, Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks.

What has always been most fascinating and pleasurable about Vidal's historical fiction — and what sets him several cuts above most practitioners of the craft — is the unconventional, off-beat perception he brings to historical research. That perception is always an angle neither novelist nor historian would generally exploit, but one that Vidal presses to fresh understandings of history we thought we knew.

In this case it is the linking of the fledgling "photo-play" industry in Hollywood to Washington politics and the gradual unfolding that the new medium was a powerful tool to alter citizens' beliefs about themselves and the world.

Vidal recounts his history through the eyes of both historical and fictional characters.

Most central among the latter is Caroline Sanford, co-publisher of the Washington Tribune and a descendant of Aaron Burr. On the eve of the US entry into

World War I, Caroline travels to Hollywood, first to convince the industry to make propaganda films, then staying to produce and act in pictures. She retains her links with the powerful in Washington even as she grows

It is hard to read "Hollywood" without placing it against the backdrop of the Reagan administration, which also fulfilled the link of Washington and Hollywood.

which its plot is based are very much characteristic of three decades later.

To "Black Girl, White Girl," Henry Tibbett of Scotland Yard's CID and wife Emily work

to taedium and orthodoxy

skinned.

In some ways Moyes may be a

bit old-fashioned, but she still

manages to provide nifty plot

twists on the way to an epilogue

that reveals a bit about how people really do behave in some of Britain's former colonies.

Shimmi Garewal, founder of Sand Sculpture International, is

considered the king of the Delta Blues singers before his untimely death in 1938. He was only 27,

and because his life was so short and his talent so amazing for his time, he became the kind of

caricature from which legends are made.

Peter Guralnick tries to

separate fact from fiction in this brief work without shattering the mystery. Legend has it that one night in Mississippi, Johnson sat at a crossroads, made a bargain with the devil and soon began playing the guitar like nobody

had heard before.

His strong playing and personal

ity turned Johnson into an overnight sensation who had a

strong impact on the blues tradition,

was loved by a succession of women until he was murdered by a jealous husband.

This extended essay is fascin-

ating even though it seems far too

short. The problem is, when it

comes to Johnson's life, there

aren't many facts to go around

about the man whose music ins-

pired Muddy Waters, Howlin'

Wolf, Eric Clapton and the Rolling Stones.

The book is more an apprecia-

tion than a biography.



## Sandcastles that tower into the air

Peking's Temple of Heaven and the Himeji Temple of Japan. The sculpture with a 32ft by 48ft base, hand-tamped, and compressed into forms with wooden boards, which were removed to reveal figures of London's Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament.

Other sculptures depict Venice's Rialto Bridge, Heidelberg Castle, on which the Disneyland castle is modelled, and, standing tall in the courtyard, King Ludwig's castle in Bavaria, which was the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle in the Walt Disney film.

The year-long promotion consists of four world "tours" which, according to the mall and provide cultural and educational activities to shoppers and their children.

First stop in the tour was Asia,

with the world's tallest indoor sculpture on display. The model of Cambodia's Angkor Wat, standing 20ft 4ins, towered above the Taj Mahal, Great Wall of China,

to create European landmarks. The sand which formed the Taj Mahal was once again watered, hand-tamped, and compressed into forms with wooden boards,

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## Miracle that turned crippled lady into an active woman



Shirl takes a break

TRACK-SUITED Shirl Howlett jogged home happily after a brisk mile-long run. Yet only two weeks before, she could barely shuffle a few painful steps without help.

Now she is looking forward to an action-packed future... hill-walking, cycling and just dancing with joy.

Shirl, a 47-year-old mother of four, told me: "A month ago I was virtually crippled by a bone disease. Then a miracle happened, a miracle which means I am starting a new life. I can walk and run without limping, and I can still hardly credit that it has happened."

Then Shirl, who has fought and beaten both the osteomyelitis that has cast a shadow over her life, and heroin addiction, told me how she was transformed

from a near cripple to a bouncing, vital woman.

She said: "There's no doubt about it, I was touched by the Lord. And I hope my story will be an inspiration to other people who are suffering as I did."

"It all happened after I had my twelfth operation, which left my right leg an inch and a half shorter than the other one. I had to wear a built up shoe, and because of the pain, I couldn't walk further than a few yards without support."

"Eveo so, I was joining in prayer for a woman who had cancer when Eric turned to me and asked what my problem was. I didn't even have the chance to tell him the full story before he started to pray. Suddenly, I got this tremendous quivering and trembling in my leg. It was an amazing feeling, very hard to describe."

Then Shirl, from Burgess Hill, Sussex, made a decision that she claims changed her life.

Setting back into her chair in her cosy, cluttered front room, she said: "I went out of interest to a church service lead by an American evangelist called Eric Cowley. I knew that he had a reputation for healing but I wasn't expecting him to do anything for me."

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"When I eventually managed to sit

down, Eric told me to take off my boot and walk. It may sound mad, but as I walked up and down that hall I could actually feel my leg grow. There's no other word for it. The further I went, the more I could feel the heel of the withered leg coming down to touch the floor."

"In the end I could put my right foot flat on the ground. Something I'd not been able to do for years. I can tell you, I was ecstatic. My knees, ankles, everything were level again. There was no point in putting my boot back on because I just didn't need it."

Shirl says that she strode home barefoot from the service, matching Brian, 47, pace for pace.

She told me: "At first I was so wrapped up in the miracle that I didn't notice that

the pain was gone. Theo I had this enormous sense of freedom. I began to think of all the things that were no longer denied to me, like walking over hills and riding my bike again."

Back home, Shirl's daughters Abigail, 16, Sara 15, and twins Rachel and Rebecca aged nine, pray every day with dad Brian, a laboratory technician, to give thanks for her amazing transformation. But Shirl knows that the battle isn't over yet.

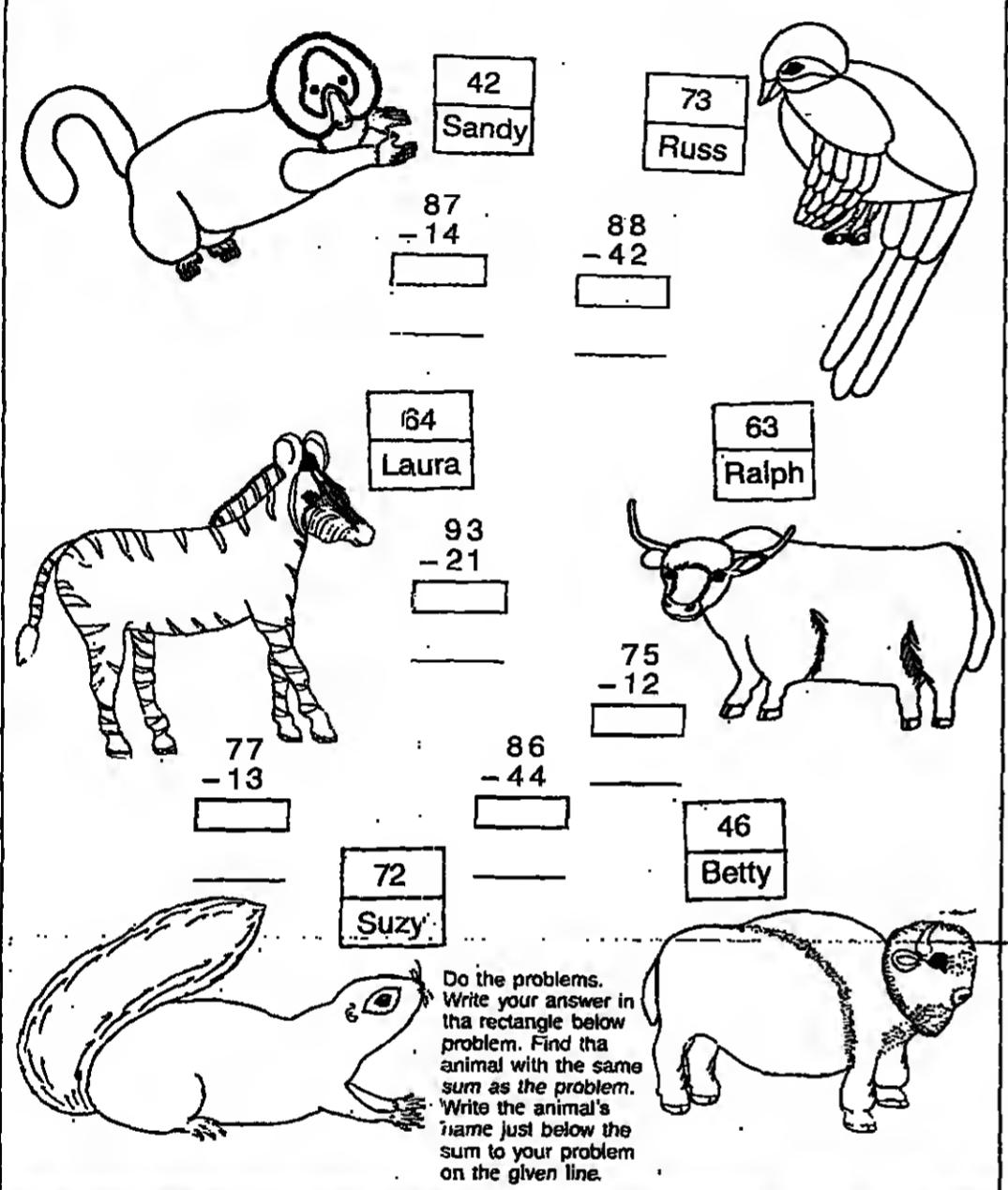
Shirl said quietly: "A lot depends on my attitude now. I have to keep working on the leg, and most important, I have to keep my faith."

She went to her doctor, who she says, "natural causes."

## JUNIOR TIMES

**Shopping spree**

Mrs Pantry is going shopping, but the names of the things on her shopping list have got muddled up. Unjumble the letters to find out what she needs to buy. You can find each item in the picture.

**Animal Names****Volume Science game**

Look at these pictures



Can you tell from their faces how Mix and Max are feeling?

Can you see why they feel like this?

**Funny face game**

Ask a friend or a grown-up to make a face that looks happy, sad, excited, cross or tired. How good are the faces? Can someone guess how you feel when you make a face?



Dear Junior readers,

A few days ago, I was walking in one of the Kuwaiti vegetable markets when I saw a young girl with her mother. The child was peeling a tangerine and throwing the peels on the floor! To my dismay, before I could say "Ugh", a poor old lady slipped on the peeling falling right on her face. Thank God she was not badly hurt.

Throwing rubbish on the ground is a common phenomena in the streets of Kuwait, especially among young children. The parents of these children should remind them that this sort of behaviour is both dangerous and unhealthy. Many people have badly hurt themselves from peels on the floor. Flies, cockroaches and rats find peels delicious and spread and multiply carrying fatal diseases. All in all littering is disgusting and clearly reflects a child's personality at home. Basically he/she is a lazy litter-bug! So next time if the thought of throwing something on the ground comes to mind, think about the harm you may bring to others. I'm sure you'll dispense your belongings in the nearest rubbish bin.

Monal  
By Julie Hodgson  
Coats and hats and old cricket bats,  
Piled up against the wall,  
old rickety desks with faded school books,  
and grandmothers strung of fake pearls.

Ragatty dolls without any eyes,  
teddys without any ears,  
old satin slippers from  
dancers or theatre,  
War medals, trumpets and spears.

I love to rumage at big jumble sales,  
picking up old coats, and small boats with sails,  
watching a lady buy a mask with a dent,  
and a moth eaten peacock, boy the money she spent.

Musty old blankets and old quilts with patches,  
tents tied with blue string, and faded rain splashes,  
tightropes and carousels, toys for a boy,  
train sets and golliwogs, to play with oh joy.

My sisters and I loved to go with our mum,  
to sift through the junk was just oodles of fun.  
It's better than a circus, or a walk in the park,  
a jumble sale is just great for a lark.

**The jumble sale****Word search****FIELD OF CLOVER**

BEES  
COVER  
CROP  
CULTIVATE  
DUTCH  
FARM  
FIELD  
FLOWER  
FOUR-LEAF  
FRAGRANT  
GROUND  
HERB

HONEY  
LEAVES  
LUCK  
PASTURES  
PETALS  
PLANT  
RED CLOVER  
SEED  
WEED  
WHITE  
WILD  
YELLOW

B N N H B A D S E V A E L  
T E R R Y Y E L L O W B U U  
Y Y E N O H N N B A C F S  
H H V S E T I H W K N I E  
R R O L N B C F L O W E R  
F E C U L T I V A T E L U  
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L L N N T P D D P N B B A  
R C C U D E E S L A T E P  
U D B O N E B B A I N N L  
O E E R W B V G N W W H G  
F R A G R A N T T G A A Z

**Action words**

An action word may tell what one person, animal, or thing does.

Add -s to the action word.

Rico takes the bus.

**A.** Complete the sentences.

ride rides

1. Sue \_\_\_\_\_ the bus to school.

look looks

2. Kim \_\_\_\_\_ out the window.

**B.** Use an action word in a sentence about a bus.

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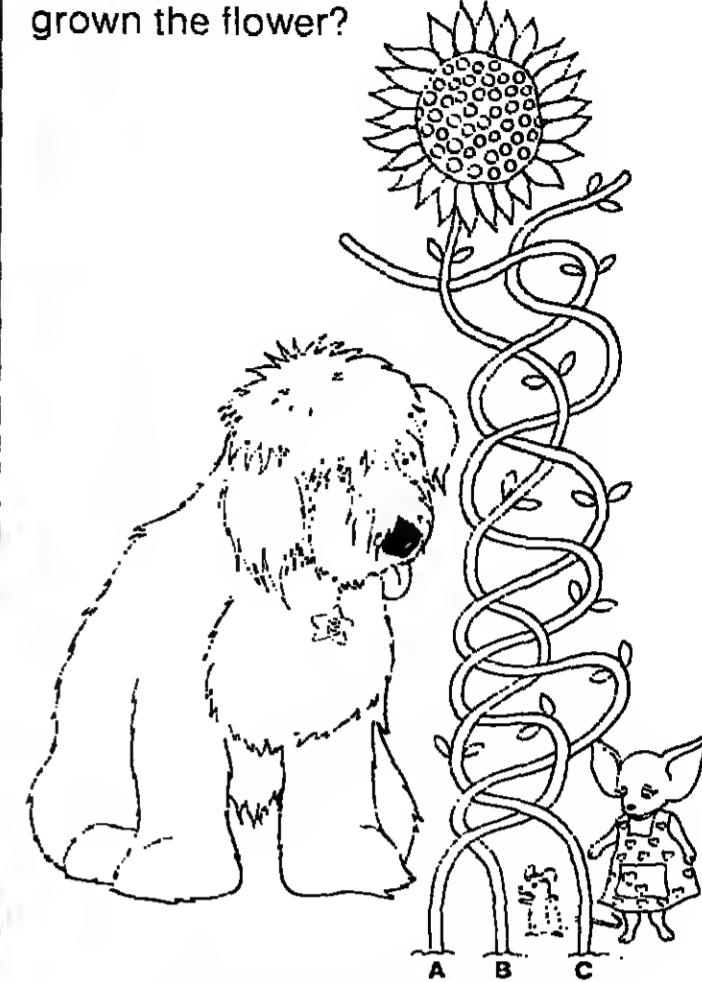
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**C.** Can a friend find your action word?

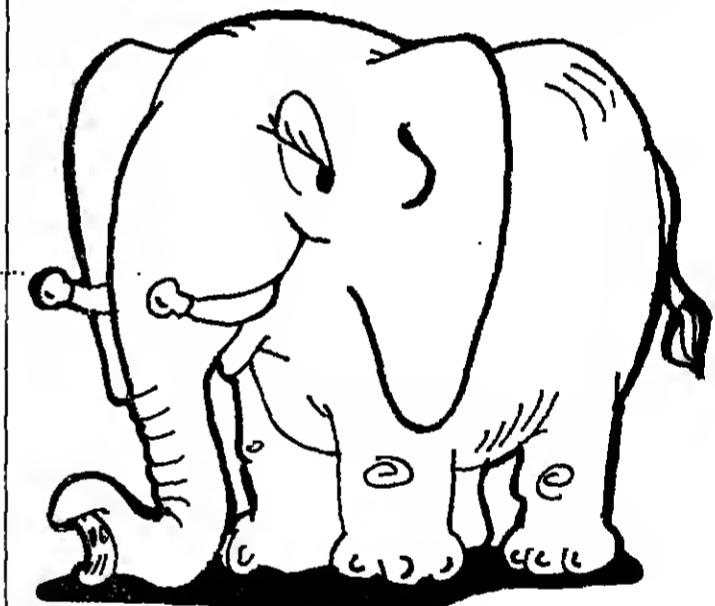
Which plant has grown the flower?

**First and last**

In the Philippines, people can vote in elections at the age of only 15.

The smallest baby to have survived was born in England on 5th June 1938, weighing only 283g (10 oz). The heaviest birth on record is that of a 10.7 kg (23 3/4lb) baby born in the USA in 1879.

'Good King Wenceslas' was not a king at all, but a prince of Bohemia who lived during the 10th century.

**At the zoo**

- Each elephant eats 5 bags of peanuts each day. There are 7 elephants and 35 peanuts in each bag. How many peanuts do the elephants eat each day? .....
- The largest seal eats 58 large fish. The smallest seal eats 19 fish. How many more fish does the largest seal eat? .....
- In the monkey cage, there are 12 monkeys. Each monkey has 1 orange, 2 apples and 4 bananas. How many pieces of fruit is that? .....
- It costs 15 cent to buy a bag of peanuts for the elephants. Marvin bought 7 bags. How much did he pay? .....
- There are 27 baby animals in the zoo nursery. There are 7 times that many animals in the rest of the zoo. How many animals are there in the rest of the zoo? .....
- The zoo keeper washes the seals' pool from 8:15 to 8:45 each morning. How many minutes does it take him to wash it? .....

**Birthday coupon**

Is your birthday to come soon?  
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?  
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.  
The details we need are:

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Date of birth: .....  
School: .....  
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## BLONDIE By Dean Young &amp; Gary Drake



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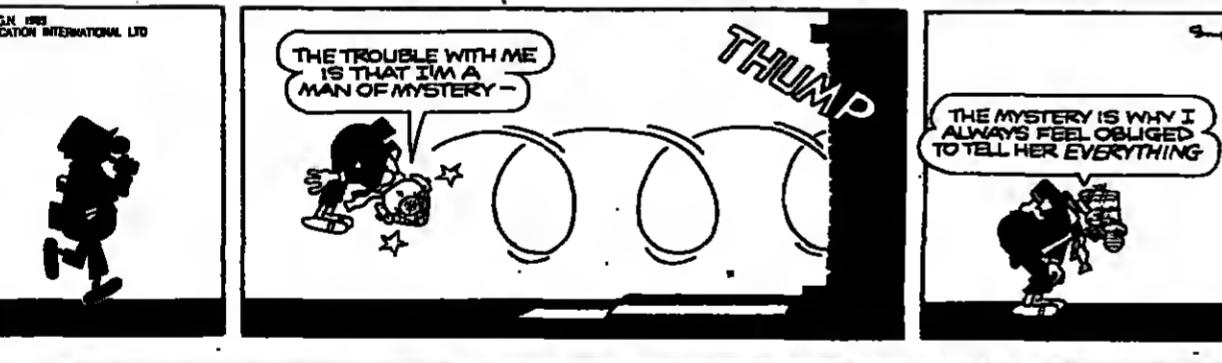
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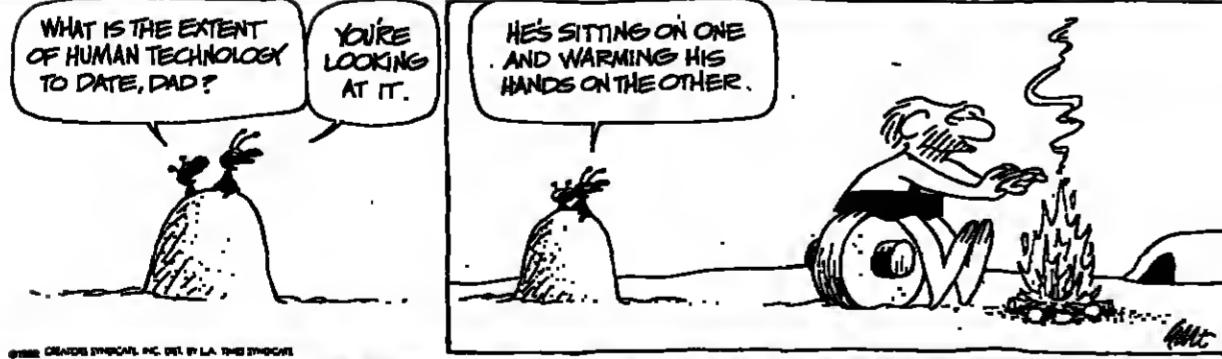
## THE WIZARD OF ID By Brain Parker &amp; Johnny Hart



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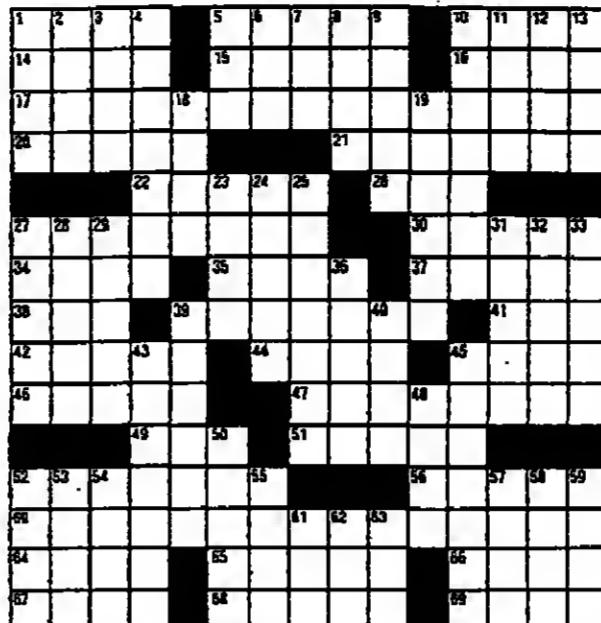
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## ME-MAL



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 106 ♦ K1063 QJ92 ♦ Q92  
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?  
A.—When you have a ruffing value and a four-card major, it is usually better to look for a 4-4 fit in that suit than to play in no trump—after all, opener also might have a doubleton. So bid two clubs to investigate.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦ 106 ♦ K1063 QJ92 ♦ Q92

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—We can understand your desire to ruff your six-card major suit, but consider for a moment. Partner has shown nine or 10 cards in the minors, and he rates to have a couple of hearts at least. Therefore, he is almost surely short in spades. The sensible bid is a preference to two diamonds.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ A KQJ1085 K5 ♦ J832

The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass ?

What is your opening bid?

A.—Because of your spade shortage, you can't even be sure this is your hand. Since chances of slam, opposite a passed hand are virtually nil, we would opt to make life as difficult as possible for the opponents by opening four hearts.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦ 72 ♦ KQ109542 954 ♦ 6

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A.—You are interested in playing four hearts, and nothing else, so don't waste any time—bid it. Or, if you are playing transfer bids, transfer into hearts and then raise to game.

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ALPS	RACK	PLATA
COOT	ERIA	ROGER
ENITH	KETTLEDRUM	
DEBILITY	IDIOTS	
DEVINE	CRI	
FRIENDO	CRACKPOT	
LIL	GLARE	TRADE
IDIOS	EPODE	ANIS
EGRET	SOOND	HUT
RESTRAIN	DREAMY	
IVIS	MOURN	
PARADE	BARBADOS	
SPIDERWEB	SLAWN	
ASTON	IODEE	EENA
TOAST	GELD	DRAB



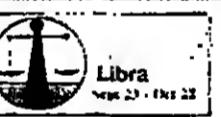
## YOUR STARS



You should not try to do too many things all at once. Nor should you try to work more quickly than you know how. Make sure you do not leave any doors or windows unlocked. Be reliable.



You will be able to see the light but you must show a lot of determination if you want to achieve your aims. And do not try to leave until later what you know should be done now. Avoid eating too many snacks. Be more moderate.



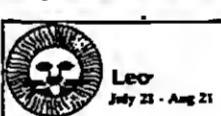
You will have a good opportunity but if you do not act quickly you will miss it. However, you should avoid acting on impulse. You should try to have a little more faith in yourself. Be polite.



You will be able to overcome a certain amount of diffidence but only if you show some determination. You will tend to allow your attention to wander and should try to exercise more self-control. Do not do the first thing that comes to your head. Be less selfish.



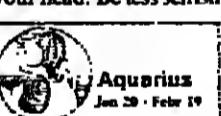
This is going to be a good day for you but only if you do not take too many things for granted. Watch out for mistakes and correct them as you go along. Pay just a little more attention to your state of health. Be tolerant.



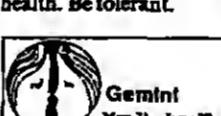
A good idea of yours will help you to answer the challenge of the occasion. You should leave a little more room for your affections. An offer or proposal should be considered more objectively. Be sincere.



You will be able to find the solution to one of your more pressing problems. You should not allow work to encroach upon your private life. There is room for just a little more optimism. Be respectful.



You should not allow some secondary matter to take up too much of your attention. Your lucky numbers are 5 and 37. You should try to have just a little more faith in yourself. You will have what seems to you like a good idea, but others will not agree. Be respectful.



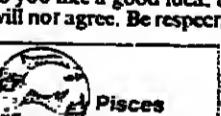
You will be able to settle an argument only if you are prepared to make one or two concessions. Remember that whilst you should not rely too much on others you cannot do without them either. Do not eat more than you need to maintain your weight. Be generous.



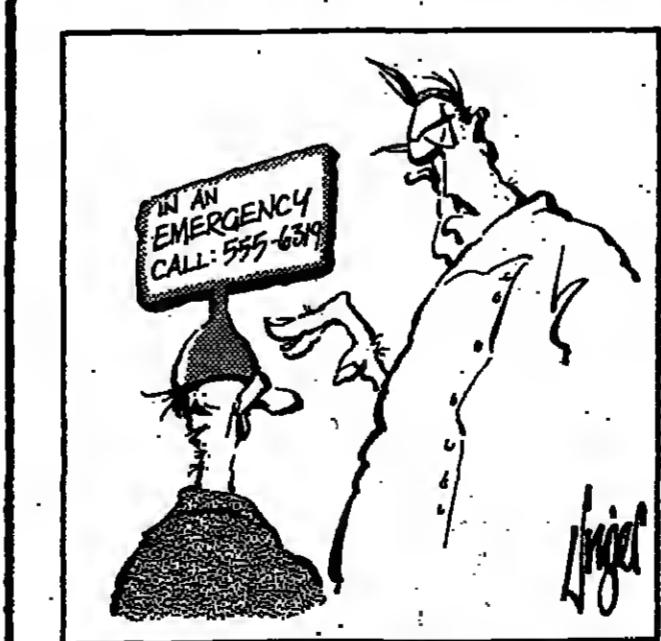
You will tend to have a rather confusing and tiring day. Do all you can not to get things out of order. Also do not attempt to do too many things all at once. Be shrewd.



You will be able to understand that has been a mystery to you. You should try to exercise just a little more self-control. Do not regret what might have been, too late for that now. Be to the point.



You will be able to have a good laugh yourself. The prospects are better than they seem so there is no reason for pessimism. An offer or proposal deserves to be taken more seriously than appears at first sight. Be less aggressive.



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Canadian expelled from Commonwealth Games

# Africans drop boycott threat

AUCKLAND, Jan 22, Reuter: African countries will not take any action against English competitors at the Auckland Commonwealth Games or boycott the event because of the rebel cricket tour of South Africa, officials decided today.

But they criticised British sports authorities for not doing more to protest against the current tour and are expected to raise the issue at the general assembly of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) tomorrow.

Tommy Sithole of Zimbabwe, spokesman for the 11 African

nations which held a strategy meeting today, said: "England has only complied with the letter and not with the spirit of the code of conduct (governing Commonwealth sporting contacts with South Africa)."

"It's attitude is tantamount to a tacit encouragement for such tours," Sithole added and called on the British Olympic association "to unequivocally and loudly condemn the tour."

But the 11 nations — Tanzania, Ghana, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Nigeria, Botswana, Uganda, Mauritius and Gambia — gave

their unanimous backing to the Auckland Games which open on Wednesday.

"We want to make it absolutely clear that African countries have not considered boycotting the Games despite clear provocation by the organisers of the tour and the few rebel cricketers."

"Africa will do all in its power to ensure the success of the Auckland Games," Sithole said, adding that the question of seeking England's expulsion from the Games had not arisen.

The statement ended several days of rumour and speculation

in Auckland that the Africans might be considering a repeat of their 1986 boycott of the Edinburgh Games.

The African countries are still seeking some means of curbing future rebel tours of South Africa by Commonwealth teams, but Sam Ramsamy, chairman of the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (Sanroc), said: "The code of conduct is so vague that we do not know what to do."

CGF chairman Peter Healy described the African statement as "a well considered, statesman-like announcement," and said it would be brought to the attention of the general assembly.

"But he added that the code of conduct could not be altered without previous written notice and no such notice had been received.

■ A Canadian athlete was expelled from the games today.

Sprinter Jillian Richardson, silver medallist in the women's 400 metres four years ago, was thrown out of the Games after attempting to move into the Nigerian quarters in the Games village.

Canadian officials said Richardson had changed her accommodation after they had refused her demand for a single room.

"It feels like I've been kicked in the stomach," Richardson said. "I'm still stunned."

■ By today, 31 nations had checked into the games village with a further three scheduled to arrive tomorrow, making the games the largest ever. The previous highest attendance was 47 at the 1982 Brisbane Games.

Two unnamed Australian male athletes escaped Richardson's fate after team officials

confirmed they had streaked naked through the games village on Sunday night and sexually harassed woman team mate Michelle Baumgartner.

Officials said the pair had been warned that any further misbehaviour would result in instant expulsion.

Their antics were publicly criticised by Australia's defending marathon champion Rob de Castella and Lisa Martin.

"These guys, supposedly elite athletes, have been doing the same sort of thing for 10 years," De Castella said.

"It's time it ended. These sort of actions should no longer be tolerated."

Martin endorsed De Castella's remarks. "I think what happened was shocking," Martin said. "To see a nice girl like that in tears."

"We were in the dining room and she came in crying her eyes out. Talk about team morale. These were experienced team members, former medal winners."

Australasia track and field team manager Rick Parnell was particularly angry at the incident.

"I would hope that they (offenders) now know better. If they don't know better, they shouldn't be in the Commonwealth Games," Baumgartner said she had never been spoken to in her life as she had been in yesterday's incident.

"I have been wolf-whistled and things like that, but none has ever spoken to me as those blokes did," said the 26-year-old part-time model from Melbourne. "You just don't expect that from team members. I was in tears. It was very upsetting."



Canada's top gymnast Curtis Hibbert practices the vault in preparation for the Games. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Lemieux scores four in NHL All-Star game

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan 22, (Reuter): Mario Lemieux scored four goals, three of them in the first period, as the Wales Conference All-Stars beat the Campbell Conference Stars 12-7 yesterday in the highest scoring NHL All-Star game ever.

A sellout crowd of 16,256 watched Lemieux, the hometown Pittsburgh Penguin centre, win Most Valuable Player honours.

Lemieux opened the scoring just 21 seconds after the game began by beating Calgary goalkeeper Mike Vernon with a wraparound.

His second goal of the period came at 13 minutes and 41 seconds at 17:37 when he slid the puck through Vernon's legs on a two-on-one rush with teammate Paul Coffey.

The Wales Conference led 7-2 at the end of the second. Each team scored three goals in the third period for the final 12-7 count.

Pierre Turgeon of the Buffalo Sabres scored two goals for the Wales Conference as did Kirk Muller of the New Jersey Devils. Luis Robitaille had two third-period goals for the Campbell Conference.

The Wales Conference now leads the All-Star series against the Campbell Conference 11-3.

■ The National Hockey League Players Association yesterday unanimously ratified the appointment of lawyer Bob Goodeas as the deputy executive director of the association and heir-apparent to Alan Eagleson.

Eagleson, the present executive director, has said he would step down after 20 years as the players association head by the end of 1991 or until a new collective bargaining agreement was finalised with the players.



Lemieux (centre) is congratulated by his teammates after scoring his first goal. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Eagles, KU lead League

THE spring 1990 KHL action resumed with two games on January 12 and three more on January 19. Last week's action featured one of the season's most exciting games, as the Eagles squeaked past Kay and Associates 23-20. KU defeated the Falcons, while the UAS-Broncos game was postponed.

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## SPORTS

## N. Korea refuses to sign accords

SEOUL, Jan 22, (AP): North Korea refused again today to sign a set of guarantees proposed by South Korea at working-level sports talks, dimming prospects for a joint Korean team in this year's Asian Games.

South and North Korean sports officials met at the border truce village of Panmunjom, but their talks broke down at the start as the communist North rejected repeated calls to sign auxiliary accords binding both sides to implement all agreements on the single team.

The North insists the two sides should discuss and sign such auxiliary accords and arrange other technical details after organising a joint committee for the single team. Sports talks between the two sides began early last year, leading to a rare agreement last December on basic matters such as the team's name, flag, selection and training.

In today's talks, the North also rejected a South Korean proposal for another working-level contact to narrow differences.

The two sides plan full-dress sports talks next Monday, but Seoul officials predicted no progress unless the North makes concessions.

"From the beginning, the North had no intention of forming a single team," said Lim Tae-Soo, a South Korea delegate. He charged that North Korea had planned to use the talks on a joint team to block South Korea's separate participation in the Games.

In asking the North to sign the auxiliary accords, Seoul officials have cited the distrust that has deepened between the two Koreas since the peninsula was divided in 1945. The South fears the North could hold up the agreement at the last moment, causing the South to miss the June 22 entry deadline for the Asian Games in Beijing in September.

## Allen wins triathlon

SANTIAGO, Jan 22, (UPI): US citizen Mark Allen, 33, yesterday won the first international triathlon of Easter Island, located 2,000 miles (3,200km) off the coast of Chile.

Allen won the competition by biking 11 miles (17.7km) on a mountain bike, running 7 miles (6.5km) and swimming 70 yards (metres), in one hour, 11 minutes and 28 seconds.

US citizen Harold Robinson took second place with a time of one hour, 14 minutes and five seconds, and Chilean Cristian Bustos came in third.

Last week Allen won the Pucón triathlon, in the south of Chile, and has participated in the past two ironman competitions in Hawaii, a prolonged triathlon competition.

Julie Moss, also of the United States and Allen's wife, took first place among the women, with compatriot Shannon Delaney in second and Chilean Claudia Cortes in third.

## Barcelona cut Real's lead to five points

MADRID, Jan 22, (Reuter): Barcelona scored a scrappy 1-0 win over Real Valladolid yesterday to cut Real Madrid's lead in the Spanish League to five points.

Taking advantage of draws by all their main rivals, Barcelona moved into second place, a point clear of Atlético Madrid and two ahead of Valencia.

The Catalans scored the weekend's only home win yesterday but looked disorganized without midfielder Luis Milla, suspended for one game. Jose Baker scored in the 62nd minute in one of Barcelona's few attacks.

Atlético Madrid, deprived of suspended Portuguese striker Paulo Futre, drew 1-1 at home against Valencia and missed their chance to keep up with Barcelona.

Atlético's Brazilian striker Baltazar de Morais missed his second penalty in as many games in the fourth minute but made up for it by setting up Roberto Marína to score home Atlético's only goal in the 63rd minute.

Valencia equalised 11 minutes later with a header from Eloy Olaya.

Lacklustre Real were held to a 1-1 draw in Gijon on Saturday, Hugo Sanchez heading in with just five minutes to go to save the draw from defeat.

\* Amsterdam, Dutch First Division leaders PSV Eindhoven

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 22, (Reuter): Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander continued the Swedish takeover of the Australian Open tennis as both advanced into the tournament's last eight today.

Cheered on by Swedish fans in the crowd, third-seeded Edberg beat fellow countryman Jonas Svensson 6-4 6-2 6-2 while eighth seed Wilander profited from an unfortunate injury to his Finnish opponent Veli Paloheimo 7-5 6-4 6-0.

In a repeat of last year, Sweden now has three representatives in the quarterfinals, Mikael Pernfors also advanced yesterday.

American David Wheaton did his best to break the Swedish stranglehold on the day's headlines, beating compatriot Aaron Krickstein 7-6 6-4 6-3 after the fifth seed suffered a recurrence of an old groin injury in the second set.

The Open nearly lost another big name. Boris Becker barely kept alive his bid for a third straight Grand Slam title when he came back from two sets down against Miloslav Mečir to win 4-6 7(6-8) 6-4 6-1.

Becker reached the quarterfinals for the second time. He was two games away from a straight-set loss, but came up with aces at key points and gradually overpowered Mečir, last year's runner-up to Ivan Lendl.

The in-form Edberg, chasing his third Australian Open title, continued his impressive march through the draw. He said afterwards he was delighted with his form.

"I thought I played very well right from the beginning," said Edberg, particularly pleased with his volleying which left his opponent gasping in admiration.

"He was just too good," said Svensson. "I think he's shown



Wilander (right) applies ice to Paloheimo's ankle. (Reuter wirephoto)

everyone he's right up there with Lendl and Becker. The way he played today, he will be very difficult to beat."

Asked if he thought Edberg was a likely winner of the tournament, Svensson joked, "If he played me in the quarterfinals, the semifinals and the final, he'd definitely win."

Wilander, a three-time winner of the event, said he felt he was hitting the ball better than at any time since 1988, but admitted that Paloheimo's injury had changed the course of the match.

After narrowly conceding the first set 7-5, the enthusiastic Finn, who has aroused huge interest in his native land during

his progress to the last 16, became the fourth player in four days to twist an ankle on the rebound ace courts.

Unlike Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and Australian Mark Woodforde, who both left the court in wheelchairs after their third round matches on Saturday, Paloheimo bravely played on but could offer only token resistance as Wilander coasted to victory.

"After that it was over," admitted the Finn later, refusing to blame the court for his injury.

"I realized pretty soon that there was no way he could have come back," said world number 14 Wilander. He added that his

practice partner David Engel had also twisted an ankle in the morning "but he stepped on a ball."

Krickstein also said that bad luck rather than the surface was to blame for his injury which effectively decided his match with the 20-year-old Wheaton, the only American now left in the draw.

"I was kind of lucky to finish. There was no way I could have played on after the third set, win or lose," said Krickstein.

Wheaton, who is from Minneapolis, now faces the tough prospect of playing Edberg but has already achieved a personal goal.

"One of my goals at the end of last year was to get to the quarters of a Grand Slam this year, so to do it in the first one is great," he said.

■ Becker, the Wimbledon and US singles champion, has flown his personal doctor from West Germany for a check up as he moves into the final rounds the \$3 million Australian Open.

The doctor arrived late today, only hours before Becker was to play mercurial Czechoslovakian Miloslav Mečir in a quarterfinal.

Becker has not been playing well.

He has a wracking nervous cough and has been well below his powerful best in the early rounds of the Open.

■ Yannick Noah was named today to head the French team for the Davis Cup first round tennis tie against Australia in Perth early next month.

Henri Leconte, Guy Forget and Jean Fleurant have also been selected for the tie which will be played on grass from February 2-4.

The French team have decided to remain in Melbourne, venue for the Australian Open, this week to practice on the grass courts at Kooyong, the former site of the Open.

### Results

Fourth round results on the eighth day of the Australian Open tennis championships today (prefix number denotes seeding):

3-Stefan Edberg (Sweden) beat Jonas Svensson (Sweden) 6-2 6-2 6-4; David Wheaton (US) beat 5-Aaron Krickstein (US) 7-6 (7-5) 6-4 6-3; 8-Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Veli Paloheimo (Finland) 7-5 6-4 6-0; 2-Boris Becker (West Germany) beat 16-Miloslav Mečir (Czechoslovakia) 4-6 6-7 (6-8) 6-4 6-1.



American John McEnroe shows his frustration during his Sunday's leading his match against Mikael Pernfors. McEnroe was defeated by the umpire. (Reuter wirephoto)



Boris Becker raises his arms in jubilation after defeating Mečir. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Newcombe criticizes McEnroe

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 22, (UPI): The disqualification of fiery John McEnroe for abusive behaviour in the Australian Open was strongly supported in Australian tennis circles today.

Former Australian champion, John Newcombe, said McEnroe's disqualification "should have happened 10 years ago."

Writing in the Sydney Daily Telegraph, Newcombe, a three-time Wimbledon champion, said: "Everyone, including McEnroe, would have been better off. The reality of being able to hit a tennis ball in the artistic manner of McEnroe is not a license to behave in such fashion that it's insulting to other people."

And Newcombe warned: "Now that officials have made their stand the second time is always easier than the first."

Tennis writers in Australian newspapers and on radio and television also agreed that McEnroe had gone too far and that officials had no other alternative but to disqualify him.

Outlaw

"It took 12 turbulent years for the long arm of the law to lasso tennis outlaw John McEnroe," said the Sydney Daily Mirror's Tim Prentice today.

"A posse of three rounded up the sporting world's most notorious baddie and literally ran him out of town," Prentice said. "The dithering officialdom of international tennis took more than a decade to close the foul mouth in the West."

A match yesterday gave McEnroe a match default penalty and fined him \$6,500 for three breaches of the players' code of ethics.

McEnroe was first penalised a point for racket abuse when leading Sweden's Mikael Pernfors, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 2-4 in their fourth round match at the National Tennis Centre, Melbourne yesterday.

The defeat left United, still missing injured England captain Bryan Robson, without a League win in 10 games -- and third from the bottom.

■ Scottish FA Cup holders Celts will face their great rivals Rangers next month in a repeat of last season's final.

The two Glasgow clubs were drawn together yesterday in the fourth round on February 24. It will be the first time they have met in any round apart from the final for 20 years.

Rangers and Celtic have not met in any Cup event outside of a final since 1978-79 when Rangers won a League Cup semi-final after extra time.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill said of the draw: "This game will be like a Cup final in itself. At least we have home advantage."

### Draw

■ Norwich City beat troubled Manchester United 2-0 in the English Soccer League yesterday, turning the screw again on beleaguered United manager Alex Ferguson.

Robert Fleck capped a strong attacking display from Norwich with goals in the 70th and 85th minutes.

Ties to be played February 24.

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## Pakistan stage magnificent recovery

# Imran, Wasim blast tons

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 22. (Reuter): Centuries by Imran Khan and Wasim Akram, his first in Test cricket, inspired a magnificent recovery which put Pakistan back in contention in the second Test against Australia today.

Imran hit his highest Test score of 136 and Wasim lashed 123 as they turned the match around with a record sixth wicket stand of 191 on the fourth day.

Pakistan's second innings had crumbled to 90 for five — a mere six runs ahead — when captain

Imran and fellow all-rounder Wasim staged their rescue act that lifted the score to 357 for seven at the close.

The touring team, 1-0 down in the three-match series after losing the first Test by 92 runs, will start the final day tomorrow with a lead of 273 and three wickets left.

Imran batted for eight hours, beating his previous highest Test score of 135 not out in the first Test of the 1987 series against India in Madras.

Wasim, who reached his hun-

dred off 169 deliveries, batted altogether for 244 minutes and faced 195 balls, hitting 18 fours and seven at the close.

The pair heat Pakistan's previous sixth wicket record partnership in Tests against Australia — 115 by Asif Iqbal and Javed Miandad at Sydney in the 1976-77 series.

When Pakistan, 84 behind on first innings, resumed in the morning at 73 for four they seemed to be heading for defeat after quickly losing Miandad for 21.

With the total 90 he was

caught by Peter Taylor in the gully off paceman Merv Hughes, who at that stage had taken all the wickets, his fifth five-wicket haul in his 22nd Test.

However, that was Australia's last success until the final session as Imran and Wasim hauled Pakistan out of their crisis, guiding the team to 144 for five at lunch and 233 for five at tea.

Imran, who reached his first Test century against Australia just before tea, escaped on 99 when he edged a ball from pace

bowler Carl Rackemann to Mark Taylor at first slip where the fieldsmen, who had not dropped a catch this summer, got both hands to the ball but spilled the chance.

The sixth wicket stand ended when Wasim was bowled by paceman Greg Campbell with the total 281.

Imran, having arrived at the crease with his side seven for three wickets, was finally out at 316, bowled by Peter Taylor trying to loft the spinner over mid-wicket.

Salim Malik, who made an unbeaten 46 despite batting with a broken thumb, and Tauseef Ahmed continued the Pakistan recovery with an unbroken eighth wicket partnership of 41.

### Scoreboard

**PAKISTAN** first innings 257 (Javed Miandad 52, Wasim Akram 52 Carl Rackemann four for 40)

**AUSTRALIA** first innings 341 (D. Jones 116, M. Taylor 77 Wasim Akram five for 100)

**PAKISTAN** second innings (overnight 73 for four)

Shoaib Mohammed c Hughes b Hughes.....0

Rameez Raja c Waugh b Hughes.....2

Salim Younis c M. Taylor b Hughes.....1

Ejaz Ahmed c P. Taylor b Hughes.....4

Imran Khan c P. Taylor b Hughes.....136

Javed Miandad c P. Taylor b Hughes.....21

Wasim Akram b Campbell.....123

Salim Malik not out.....46

Tauseef Ahmed not out.....11

Extras (b-4 lb-5 w-1 nb-3).....13

Total (seven wickets).....357

Fall of wickets: 1-0-2-23-74-22-50-6-281-7-316

Bowling (to date): Hughes 32-9-

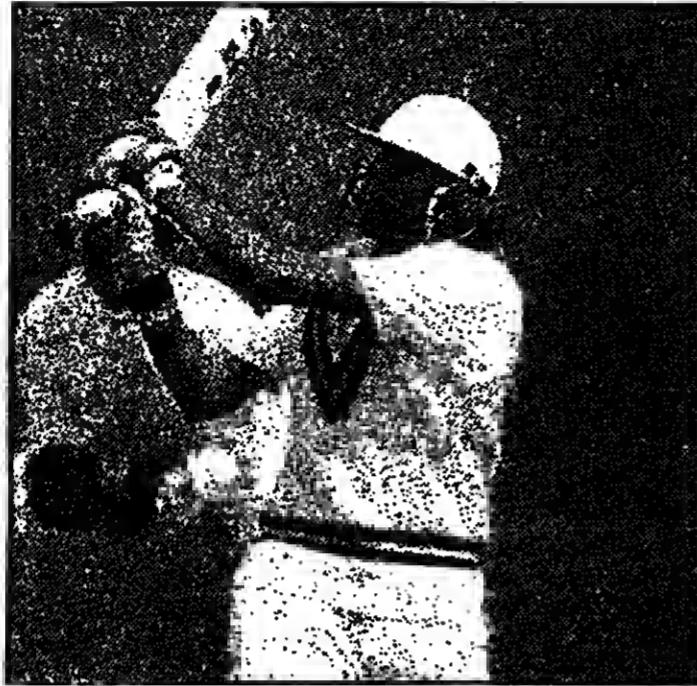
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1, Rackemann 32-11-72-0 (nb-1), P.

Taylor 36-13-77-1, Border 4-0-5-0.



Imran (left) and Wasim put Pakistan back in the second Test.



## Imran acclaims Wasim Akram

ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan 22. (Reuter): Imran Khan acclaimed his fellow century-maker Wasim Akram after they had staged a stunning Pakistan fightback in the 2nd cricket Test against Australia today.

Imran, who hit his best Test score of 136, said he felt he was standing still by comparison with Wasim, whose 123 was his maiden Test hundred.

The sixth-wicket pair hauled Pakistan's second innings from 90 for five to 357 for seven — 273 ahead — at the close of the fourth day.

"He made me feel like some laborious blocker because he was just so fluent," captain Imran said of his fellow all-rounder's batting. "The innings he played, some of the drives, I think Gary Sobers would have been proud of them."

"Three years ago when we came for the Perth Challenge (one-day) tournament, I remember saying that Wasim would be a better version of Richard Hadlee and I remember there were a lot of laughs."

Imran said of his own innings: "It gave me more satisfaction than any other because we were really struggling. It gives a chance to be back in the series."

## Azharuddin slams 159 in opener

### Chandrasekhar, Manjrekar hit half centuries

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan 22. (Reuter): Mohammad Azharuddin launched his captaincy of India's cricket team with a classic innings of 159 in the four-day opening tour match against the New Zealand President's XI today.

Azharuddin, using a wide repertoire of strokes as he struck 26 fours and one six, spurred India to 431 for six at the close of the first day.

Supported by opener Vijay Chandrasekhar with 92 and Sanjay Manjrekar, who scored 80, Azharuddin made his runs from only 187 deliveries in an ideal start to his new role after replacing Krishnamachari Srikkanth.

Azharuddin, who was out in the penultimate over of the day, often left the fieldsmen flat-footed with the power and timing of his strokes.

India were given a solid base by Chandrasekhar and Navjot Sidhu, who put on 77 for the first wicket before Sidhu cut a rising delivery from Shane Thomson and was caught by David White



Azharuddin

### Scoreboard

**INDIA** first innings.....431

Fall of wickets: 1-77-2-150-3-288-4-

298-5-334-6-430.

To bat: V. Razdan, N. Hirwanlal, V. Reihi.

Bowling (to date): Millnow 18-9-0-

2, Thomson 24-5-84-3, Rutherford 3-0-29-0, Snedden 12-2-46-0, Larsen 19-6-53-1, Richardson 11-0-45-0,

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